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THE WORLD THIS MORNING

Kasparov wins
SEVILLE, Spain, (Reuter): Garry Kasparov retained the World Chess Championship when he won the last game of his title defence against Anatoly Karpov yesterday. (See Page 15)

Emergency landing
AMMAN, (Reuter): A British pilot flying a microlight aircraft from London to Sydney made an emergency landing on a road in southern Jordan yesterday.

Tabatha greets
PITTSBURGH, (AP): Three-year-old Tabatha Foster has made her first public appearance since undergoing a rare five-organ transplant seven weeks ago.

Destroyer
SUZ, (AP): A French destroyer bound for the Gulf region and a US military supply vessel transited the Suez Canal from the Mediterranean Sea yesterday.

Hussein's visit
AMMAN, (Reuter): Jordan's King Hussein will hold talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and President Andrei Gromyko during a visit to Moscow due to start on Monday, the official news agency Petra said.

Plight of hostage
BEIRUT, (AP): A West German official yesterday discussed with Christian and Muslim leaders the plight of a German hostage kidnapped 11 months ago.

Egypt denies
CAIRO, (Reuter): Egypt denied yesterday a Libyan charge that Egyptian helicopter gunships protected Israeli warplanes which Tripoli said flew over eastern Libya earlier this week.

Store bombs
LONDON, (Reuter): Bombs planted by animal rights extremists started fires that caused extensive damage in two department stores in Northern England and disrupted Christmas shoppers elsewhere, police said.

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Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 16°C 61°F, Amman: 15°C 59°F, Faisal: 15°C 59°F

Worst anti-Israeli uprising in a decade

Palestinian youths clash with police

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Dec 19, (Agencies): Palestinian youths smashed bank windows, set a Jewish restaurant on fire and clashed with police today during the worst anti-Israeli uprising in more than a decade.

Protests also erupted in the nearby town of Bethlehem where Christmas preparations are under way. Several shop windows in Manger Square were broken, and the US consulate in East Jerusalem declared the town off-limits to its staff for this afternoon.

US officials also cancelled several holiday gatherings over the weekend in Jerusalem because of the protests. The United States maintains consulates in both East and West Jerusalem.

The Palestine Press Service reported that Israeli soldiers shot and wounded a protester in Bethlehem and two residents of a nearby refugee camp, but hospital and police officials could not confirm the casualties.

Clashes

Demonstrators took to the streets in cities and UN-run refugee camps throughout the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip today, but fewer violent clashes between soldiers and protesters were reported. Most Arab merchants continued commercial strikes.

Curfews were imposed on the Askar and Balata refugee camps near Nablus, about 30 miles (48 km) north of Jerusalem, after demonstrations, and troops broke up another protest in Nablus.

At least 18 Palestinians have been shot and killed by Israeli soldiers in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip since the unprecedented wave of anti-Israel protests began Dec 9.

Enraged

Several thousand Israeli Arabs staged a rally in the northern Galilee town of Nazareth today to protest the killings. A rally by left-wing members of the Peace Now Organisation was planned in Tel Aviv to protest the deaths in the worst sustained unrest since Israel seized the West Bank and Gaza in the 1967 Middle East war.

The violence in East Jerusalem was the worst since 1976 when protests erupted in the city and elsewhere in the West Bank after



Israeli riot police wearing gas masks and armed with rifles and wooden clubs seen on the Temple Mount after Friday prayers. (Reuter radiophoto)

Ershad rules out martial law

People lay siege to government office

DHAKA, Dec 19, (Agencies): Hundreds of people laid siege to a government office today to mark the beginning of a new round of agitation by opposition activists calling for the resignation of President Hossein Mohammad Ershad.

In another development, Ershad denied a report that he had announced plans to impose military rule during a closed-door meeting yesterday to senior members of the ruling Jatiya Party (JP).

"I am the supreme commander of the armed forces," Ershad told a group of JP workers. "The Army will do what I ask them to and when. Therefore you should have no confusion or doubt about the promulgation of martial law."

Rigged

The President told the group he had no plans to resign, and reiterated an invitation for the opposition to contest in parliamentary elections if they wished to change the government.

A 21-party opposition coalition have rejected his call, saying their parties would only participate under a neutral, caretaker government.

They claim Ershad, a former

Court rejects challenge to Reagan's policy

WASHINGTON, Dec 19, (Reuter): A US judge yesterday rejected a challenge by Democratic congressmen to President Reagan's policy of providing naval escort to the vessels in the Gulf.

The 110 congressmen charged in a court suit that Reagan violated the 1972 War Powers Resolution by sending warships to escort tankers in the Gulf which had been reregistered under the American flag.

The resolution, adopted during the Vietnam war over the veto of President Richard Nixon, sets forth procedures to guarantee Congress has a role in decisions about the deployment of US armed forces when no war had been declared.

US district judge George Revercomb refused to exercise jurisdiction and granted the administration's motion to dismiss the case.

Noting that attempts to pass legislation to force Reagan to comply had failed, the judge said he believed the dispute was between the plaintiffs in the case and their colleagues in Congress.

Congress was free to adopt a variety of positions on the War Powers Resolution, Revercomb said.

Given short shrift

BEIJING, Dec 19, (AP): Short men are given short shrift in Beijing's marriage market and wearing high heels doesn't help, a news agency said today.

Many Beijing girls now prefer a 1.75-metre (5-foot-8) spouse — above average for Chinese — and consider anyone shorter to be handicapped, the nation's official Xinhua news agency said in a tragicomic article on the plight of the short.

"Nowadays girls put height first and academic level second when they look for a husband," Wang Xian, who works at a matchmaking centre, told Xinhua.

Awkward

Height is usually the first thing mentioned in marriage ads in newspapers and magazines. Most of the men who resort to such ads are below 1.7-metre (5-foot-7), as are most of the women who sign up at matchmaking services.

"It is awkward to be seen walking with a short man in the street," said Li Lu, a 1.68-metre (5-foot-6) teacher at Beijing University, who said height indicates power. Xinhua quoted her as saying she plans to wait until she finds a tall husband. "She is 32 now and she is still waiting," Xinhua said.

Three- and four-inch (seven to 10 cm) heels are popular among many Chinese young men, who often add metal pieces on the bottom to create a clicking noise when they walk. But Xinhua said some women think high heels only make short men look awkward.

Danish tanker hit by Iranian speedboats

DUBAI, Dec 19, (Reuter): Tailed by an Iranian warship, a Danish supertanker ploughed at full throttle from the Gulf under the shadow of a circling US gunship after being attacked on Saturday by Revolutionary Guard speedboats.

Regional shipping sources, recalling a frigate attack last Tuesday on a Greek tanker already attacked by speedboats, said the warship might open fire on the ship, 337,700-tonne Kamara Maersk.

Saturday's speedboat attack on the fully oil-laden Kamara Maersk, south of the Revolutionary Guards base on Abu Musa island, was the third on a supertanker in two days.

On Friday, Iranian gunboats ambushed two supertankers, the Norwegian Happy Kari and the Liberian Saudi Splendour as they sailed fully loaded out of the Gulf. No one was hurt in either attack.

Exocet

Iran's Gulf war enemy, Iraq, also carried out an attack yesterday, slamming an Exocet into the 249,980-tonne tanker Free Enterprise on Iran's oil shuttle run.

In the latest raid, the captain of the supertanker, laden with Saudi Arabian crude, sent out a Mayday emergency call as the speedboats closed on his vessel.

"They are attacking, they are attacking, please come to my assistance," he radioed.

He later reported there were no casualties in the attack and that he did not need the assistance of tugs which loiter in the area in wait for Iranian attacks.

Damage

"An Iranian warship shadowing the Danish ship a mile away warned a nearby tug to stay clear, the sources said.

A Soviet warship was also in the area and the US destroyer Chandler remained just over the horizon.

As the Kamara Maersk headed for the Strait of Hormuz, an American helicopter gunship from the Chandler rattled along overhead.

Journalists in other helicopter

Prince Abdullah meets Saddam

BAGHDAD, Dec 19, (AP): Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul-Aziz met with President Saddam Hussein today and diplomats said his visit apparently was aimed at helping a rapprochement between Iraq and Syria.

The state radio said the Iraqi leader and the Saudi prince reviewed "strong brotherly relations, means of developing them and Arab conditions in general." It gave no further details.

Earlier in the day, the Saudi prince had been greeted at the airport by senior officials.

Arab diplomats in Baghdad said the visit apparently was aimed at giving a rapprochement between Iraq and Syria further momentum following efforts made by King Hussein of Jordan to reconcile Syrian President Hafez Assad with the Iraqi President.

Dead man hits the same bend twice

DULZURA, Calif., Dec 19, (Reuter): Francesco Sandoval Zamora, 46, was killed on Monday when his car overturned on a bend on highway 94, in San Diego county.

Thirty-six hours later, a hearse carrying Sandoval's body was involved in an accident on the same bend, police spokesman Bob Milton said on Wednesday.

The hearse drifted into an oncoming lane and collided head-on with another vehicle, Milton said.

The driver of the hearse was charged with drunken driving. The body of Sandoval, who lived in San Diego, was taken to a mortuary to await a third journey over the fatal spot, to memorial services in Tecate, Mexico.

Population clock starts ticking at Unesco

PARIS, Dec 19, (Reuter): The ticking world population bomb became a reality on Thursday with the presentation to Unesco chief Federico Mayor of a special clock displaying the minute-by-minute multiplication of humanity on earth.

The Microchip device, built in Japan, currently registers 1.570 new births worldwide every 60 seconds. It can also display predicted population growth in each of the United Nations' 157 member states.

It was presented to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation by Nafis Sadik, executive director of the UN Population Fund, who commissioned the device.

Benazir's courage impressed me: Zardari

ISLAMABAD, Dec 19, (Kuna): Asif Ali Zardari, a polo playing businessman and son of a feudal landlord of the Sind province, has said he chose Benazir Bhutto as his wife because of her courage.

"I was impressed by her courage," said 34-year-old Zardari about Benazir, also 34, in an interview with Karachi journalists.

"Of course she had millions on her side, but I was inspired by the thought of a lone woman defying a dictator," Zardari added.

Never before has Pakistan seen a marriage like this in its 40-year history. One person was killed and 45 were injured during the celebrations. Two persons, a man and woman, were injured by stray bullets fired in joyous mood by workers of Pakistan Peoples

Party, led by Benazir. The woman later succumbed to her injuries.

Indian actor Sunil Dutt, who attended the celebrations, said: "I have never seen such a marriage before."

Retain

In the interview Zardari, a man with thick drooping moustaches, said he was least bothered about Benazir's decision to retain her name despite the marriage. "I have no hang ups about this kind of a thing," he remarked.

On marrying a political leader, whose life is under constant threat, Zardari said: "Living in this party of the world is generally considered to be a dangerous exercise. One can say the difference is only one of degree."

Asked if she would like her daughter to start a family straight away or pursue her political career, Nusrat Bhutto, who is the co-chairperson of the PPP said: "I would like my daughter to start a family

immediately, but, knowing her, she will make her political calculations before she does that."

Benazir was asked: "Your position as leader of the PPP puts you very much in the glare of publicity. Will your husband be content to take a back seat — a kind of Dennis Thatcher role — or will you work as a team?"

She replied: "He does not like publicity, but it seems journalists object to his sense of privacy. He has his own identity which is not dependent on mine. We have a personal life together, but otherwise he has his career and I have mine."

To a question how he rated the chances of his daughter-in-law becoming the future prime minister, Hakim Ali Zardari replied: "She is young, she is strong, she can fight — why not?"

Judge under armed guard after Bhopal relief verdict

BHOPAL, Dec 19, (UPI): The judge presiding over the Bhopal gas leak case has been placed under armed guard because an intruder entered his house and rummaged through papers on legal proceedings about the 1984 disaster, police said today.

Bhopal Inspector General of Police Arun Gurto said officers were deployed at the residence of Judge M. W. Deo and the Bhopal District Court, where Deo on Thursday ordered Union Carbide Corp. to pay \$269 million as interim relief for gas victims.

"Some days ago, the judge informed us that somebody seems to have attempted to rummage through his papers in his absence," Gurto said, specifying only that the incident took place "a week back" at Deo's home in an affluent suburb of Bhopal.

"Since the papers related to the case will have international significance, the police, without taking any chances, have posted plainclothes policemen around his residence and the court to keep a round-the-clock vigil," Gurto said.

Documents

Gurto would not say which documents had been viewed and Deo refused to comment on the incident, that apparently took place during a full court hearing before Deo announced his decision on payment of interim relief.

About 2,850 people died and some 200,000 others were injured when on Dec 3, 1984, 40 tons of methyl isocyanate vapourised and spewed from Union Carbide's now-defunct pesticide plant, in Bhopal, 600 kms south of New Delhi.

Under Deo's interim relief order, Union Carbide must deposit in the court within two months 3.5 billion rupees (\$269 million) to be distributed to gas victims as direct financial compensation and for health care and generation of employment.

The US-based multinational said Deo's order amounted to a verdict on its liability without a trial, but did not indicate whether it would appeal.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government, which pushed a bill through parliament making it the sole legal representative for victims, claims Union Carbide's negligence caused the mishap.

Christmas moratorium announced

Aquino orders ceasefire

MANILA, Dec 19, (UPI): President Corazon Aquino today ordered a halt on military operations against insurgents on Christmas and New Year's day and renewed her call for peace talks with rebel groups.

"We are in the season of the year that calls for peace and love," Aquino said in a statement. "It is good to pause and reflect on the meaning of these ideals."

Aquino ordered the 159,000-member armed forces to observe "a moratorium on military counter-insurgency operations" for 48 hours beginning Christmas eve and another 48 hours starting New Year's eve.

The 54-year-old President, however, directed that troops remain on alert for "defensive action and hot pursuit in case of attack by any hostile group."

Aquino reiterated that her 22-month-old government is committed to "genuine reconciliation."

"Determined efforts to bring about peace will continue. Sincere moves by insurgent groups

to seek peace will be matched with equal sincerity," she said.

Aquino's chief aide, executive secretary Catalino Macaraeg, told reporters the President's statement showed "very clear" the government remains open to a ceasefire with 23,000 fighters of the rebel New Peoples Army.

"This is clearly an indication the government is open to reconciliation," said Macaraeg. He said Aquino consulted Defence Secretary Rafael Ileto and armed forces chief Gen. Fidel Ramos before she issued the statement.

The government and the NPA agreed to a 60-day ceasefire from Dec 10, 1986, but the truce was allowed to lapse after talks to seek a lasting solution of the 18-year insurgency collapsed. Aquino later ordered the military to "unsheathe the sword of war."

Muslims

Last week, NPA spokesman Saturnino Ocampo said the rebels were considering declaring a unilateral cease-fire, but there has been no subsequent statement issued after that.

In the southern island of Mindanao, government troops with air and sea support have killed 20 Muslim separatist rebels in an operation mounted Friday in a cluster of 11 islets off the southern port city of Zamboanga. regional military commander Maj. Gen. Cesar Tapia said.

Tapia said the operation was launched after the rebels raided villages and killed 15 residents on Monday.

A ceasefire between the Muslim separatist Moro National Liberation Front and the government remains in effect in the southern Philippines since September 1986 despite occasional skirmishes.

Ambush

The Moro Front spearheaded the war for Muslim self-rule in the Mindanao-Sulu region, 800 km south of Manila, in 1972. Fighting has claimed more than 100,000 lives.

In the central island of Negros, police said suspected communist guerrillas ambushed a jeep Friday, killing two policemen and seven civilians.

Meanwhile, 20 pirates who had massacred 14 fishermen in raids from island hideouts were killed during a two-day naval and aerial bombardment and a ground assault, the military said today.

Lt. Col. Anthony Elias, spokesman for the military's southern command, said fighting continued today between Army troops and members of the pirate band.

He said troops on Friday started shelling a group of tiny islands, 860 kilometers southeast of Manila, in a bid to wipe out the 100-member pirate group that uses the islands as a base for its attacks.

The military also said today that communist rebels killed nine people, including two children and two policemen, in an ambush Friday on the central Philippine island of Negros. Insurgents also killed a mayoral candidate in a separate incident there, military officials said.

The attacks were the latest in an 18-year insurgency by communist rebels intent on overthrowing the government.



Phil Carman, an American cowboy with the "Buffalo Bill Wild West Show" and an Indonesian boy with a traditional Javanese cap seem to share a universal language. (Reuters Radiophoto)

Seoul jet exploded in midair: report

SEOUL, Dec 19, (UPI): A Korean Air jetliner that disappeared Nov 29 exploded in midair killing all 115 persons aboard, the government announced today.

A team of Transportation Ministry investigators concluded that debris found in the Andaman Sea off Burma was from the Boeing 707. An in-flight explosion knocked the plane from the sky, a ministry spokesman said.

The debris, including a partially-scattered life raft and other survival items, was severely damaged and indicated a strong explosion, the spokesman said.

The investigators said there were KAL signs on some of the debris and confirmed that the life raft was one of 25 on board the airliner, according to the spokesman.

Message

"The investigation team concluded that all those aboard were killed by the explosion, by insufficient air pressure and by the impact of crashing into the sea," the spokesman said.

KAL flight 858 took off from Baghdad, Iraq, Nov 29 en route for Seoul with a stopover in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. It disappeared as it was nearing Bangkok, Thailand, for refueling. The last message from the pilot, about 30 minutes from the scheduled landing at Bangkok, reported everything was proceeding normally.

After the plane was reported missing, it was learned that a mysterious Asian couple got off the airliner in Abu Dhabi and headed for Bahrain.

When detained in Bahrain, the pair bit into cyanide-laced cigarettes. The man died but the woman survived. Both carried forged Japanese passports.

The woman posed as Mayumi Hachiya, 28, and her aged companion as Shinichi Hachiya, her father. The woman and the body of the dead man were extradited to Seoul Tuesday.

The domestic Yonhap news agency said authorities confirmed that the woman is not a Korean but a national of a third country, possibly Japan or China.

Colombo newspapers shrug off threats

COLOMBO, Dec 19, (Reuters): Sri Lanka's state-owned newspapers today shrugged off threats of suicide squad attacks by an underground Marxist group which wants them to stop publishing.

The Daily News said in a front-page story it received a warning letter by post this week under the letterhead of the People's Patriotic Movement (DJV). The DJV is a faction of a

Marxist political party, the People's Liberation Front (JVP), which was outlawed in 1983.

The mainly-Sinhalese JVP opposes a July government peace pact with Tamil separatists which would give autonomy to Tamil areas. It wants Indian troops policing the shaky pact to leave Sri Lanka and has killed some government officials.

The newspaper, one of three run by Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (ANCL), said the letter told the company "to stop publishing under threat of attacks by a suicide squad" and was a final warning.

ANCL chairman R. Bodinagoda told Reuters nearly all its dealers and agents across the country had received letters in the past few months telling them to stop distributing its papers.

Meanwhile, narcotics agents broke up a heroin smuggling ring with the arrest of seven foreign sailors and a Sri Lankan, police said today.

Palestinian youths clash with police

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The UN Security Council yesterday postponed action until next week because of disagreement on a resolution strongly critical of Israel for the deaths of Palestinians during recent uprising in occupied Arab territories.

A draft resolution before the 15-nation council, sponsored by the non-aligned nations, would have "strongly deplored" Israeli killings of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and called on the UN Secretary-General to seek ways of providing protection for civilians under Israeli occupation.

The draft would also call on Israel to "abide immediately and scrupulously" by the 1949 Geneva Convention on protection of civilians under military occupation.

Diplomatic sources said there was disagreement on the text with objections from the PLO, which demanded a stronger condemnation, and from the United States which considered it one-sided.

Council President Aleksandr Belonogov decided to postpone a vote by the council until at least Monday.

During yesterday's debate, there was a brief demonstration inside and outside the council chamber by a group of some 20 Palestinian and American youths shouting "Stop Israel from killing the Palestinians."

People lay siege to ...

(Continued from Page 1)

of his government and is trying to initiate an unconstitutional process in the political arena," Hasina told a meeting of Awami League activists.

"We shall firmly resist any unconstitutional move," she vowed. "We want free and fair polls but not under this government."

The other major opposition group, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party led by Begum Khaleda Zia, also spurned Ershad's offer of talks and renewed demands for a neutral caretaker government to oversee an election.

Government officials said they still hoped talks would take place. "This is the only way to resolve the crisis peacefully. The alternative is a return to martial law," an official said.

Meanwhile, a coalition of 23 small rightists parties asked the government to announce a date for elections for a new Parliament.

The coalition, which generally supports Ershad, asked the government to lift the state of emergency and press cards to improve conditions for elections.

"Even free and fair polls are possible under President Ershad," coalition spokesman Said Tareq told a news conference.

Soviet destroyers

TOKYO, Dec 19, (AP): Three new destroyers are joining the Soviet Pacific fleet, bringing the number of modern destroyers in the fleet up to five, the US Navy announced today.

In a statement, the US seventh fleet said the three Soviet ships were expected to enter the East China Sea today on their way to their new home port of Vladivostok, following construction and sea trials in the Baltic Sea.

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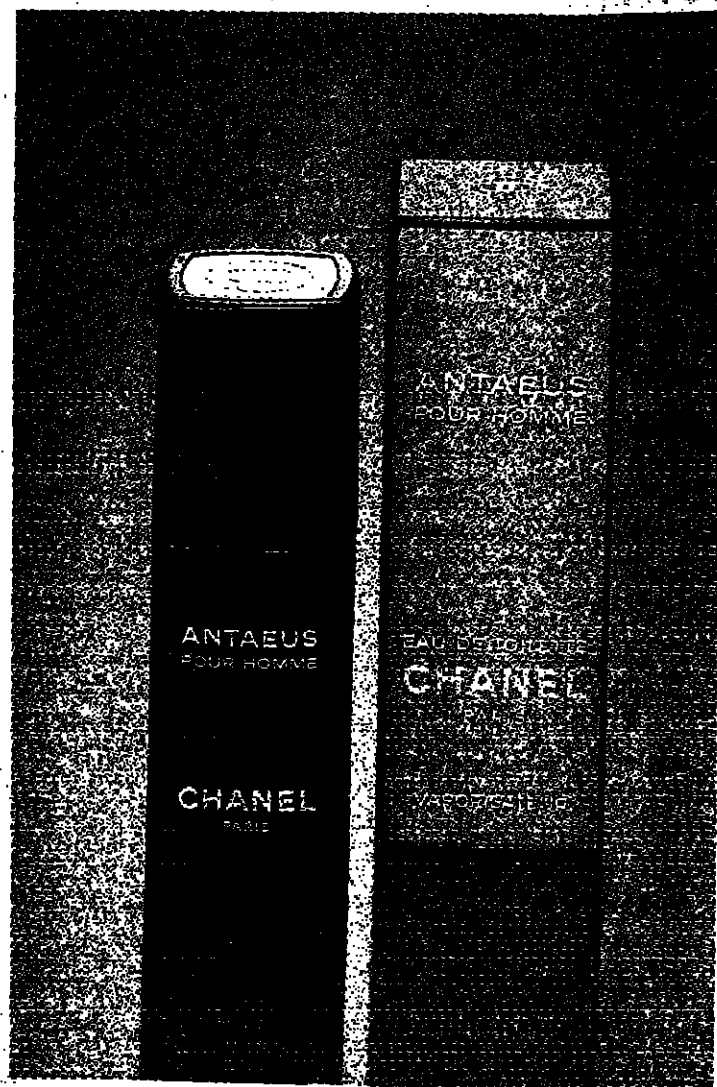
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Iran-Iraq war is the most serious threat to Arab security

A SENIOR Egyptian information official was quoted yesterday as calling for operational steps to fend off the main challenges menacing Arab security, particularly in the Arabian Gulf region.

Head of Egypt's general information authority, Dr Mamdouh Al Baltaji, said in an interview with the Kuwaiti newspaper, that the Iran-Iraq war is the most serious threat to Arab security followed by the continuing Israeli occupation of Arab territories.

He warned that the Iran-Iraq war, which has already been internationalised, could breed consequences beyond the control of the Gulf states.

But he stressed that Egypt, operating from the spirit of the Arab common defence pact, would no doubt side with the Arab Gulf states should the need arise.

Dr Al Baltaji said his country would continue support for Iraq for a variety of reasons ranging from Arab affiliations and Baghdad's stated readiness to sign a

peace agreement on basis of UN Security Council resolution 598 among others.

The Egyptian official expressed belief that Arab capitals should maintain periodic meetings, bi-annually or at least once a year, to try and solve any differences and plan common programmes.

Turning to the Arab arms industry, Dr Baltaji argued the feasibility of launching a common venture in the field on grounds that it is a costly business.



● Students of Al Zahra Intermediate girls school yesterday presented commemorative gifts on the occasion of Arab Police Day to Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad and the Interior Ministry Undersecretary Major-General Yusuf Bader Al Khorafi. The children are seen with Sheikh Nawaf.

Mellor meets Prince Saud

RIYADH, Dec 19, (Kuna): British Minister of State at the Foreign Office David Mellor, met here today with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal on bilateral relations and the latest developments of key international issues, the Saudi Press Agency reported.

Later in the day, Mellor conferred with Deputy Defence and Aviation Minister Prince Abdul Rahman Bin Abdul Aziz.

The agency said that the two sides focussed on the situation in the Gulf region, the Iraq-Iran war and bilateral relations.

Mellor's visit to the kingdom falls within a Gulf tour which will also take him to Kuwait to look into the Gulf war and issues of mutual concern.

Arab Planning Institute reviews activities



Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi (centre) addresses the meeting.

KUWAIT'S Health Minister and acting Minister of Planning, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi yesterday chaired a regular meeting for the board of trustees of the Arab Planning Institute, in the attendance of representatives of board member states.

Dr Al Awadi said that the board discussed and endorsed a number of key issues like forming a work team from member states to outline a perspective for the institute's activities after eliminating all obstacles which hinder its goal toward qualifying specialised Arab cadres in the fields of planning and development.

He added, in a statement to Kuna following the meeting, that the conferees agreed to postpone payment of Iraq's and Lebanon's dues according to the institute's five-year plan of 1985-90 due to the difficult political and economic circumstances of the two countries.

The minister noted that the board also reviewed some of the financial problems which result from the difficulty of transferring and paying some of financial obligations of member states with hard currency and attempts to overcome them through establishing programmes in these countries.

The Arab Planning Institute provides training for specialists and administrative employees, in addition to granting planning and development services to Arab countries.

In purely musical mood

AMATEUR Indian vocalists were in purely musical mood at a concert held on Friday by a local orchestra, Moods and Melody, at the Hawalli Labour Union Hall.

In 1983, a group of amateur musicians teamed up to form the Moods and Melody. Six concerts and years later, the group is now set on expanding. Recently, they released a music cassette called "Divya Prakasham" (Divine Light) featuring devotional songs.

Performers at Friday's concert included guests Shailaja Ravin-

dran and Chitra. Others vocalists were Girija Rajendran, Shobha K.M. John, Rajasekharan and Babychen. They presented a selection of Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi songs.

At their earlier concerts, they had sung more Hindi songs but they later realised their audience was mainly from the south, thus the emphasis on Tamil and Malayalam melodies.

Picture shows Girija Rajendran (left) with a member of Moods and Melody at the concert.



Training sessions

THE national computers and microfilm centre holds about 100 training sessions every year, the director of the computers and microfilm training department, Abdul Latif Hamad Al Nami, said yesterday.

Child killed in road accident

A CHILD died after being involved in a traffic accident in Tema area yesterday.

There were 14 traffic accidents in Kuwait. Two took place in the capital, three in Hawalli, six in Ahmadi and three in Jahra.



● Indonesian children recently presented a colourful programme of dance and music to celebrate the Mother's Day. Folk dances and glimpses of Indonesian culture were shown at the celebration held at the ambassador's residence. Picture shows children displaying different costumes.

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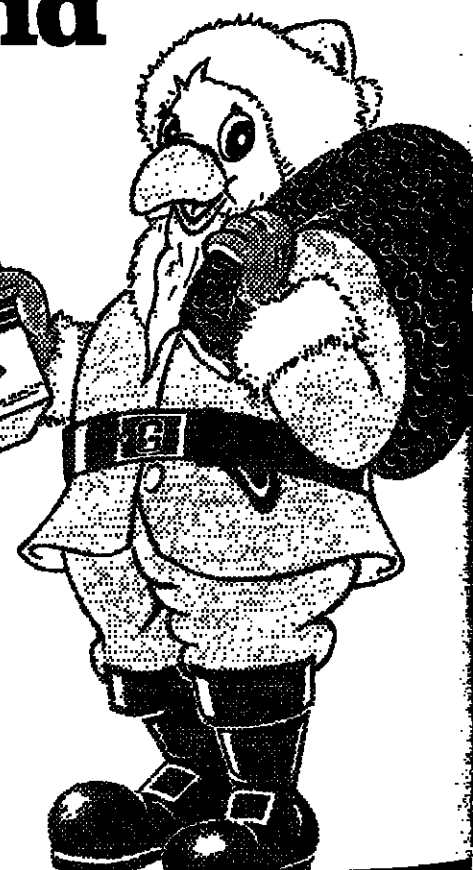
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GOING PLACES

'There should be an element of madness'

Challenge makes a man creative: Sen

By Fathima Ahmed

A FILMMAKER goes to a remote Bengal village in 1980 and recreates the events that took place in 1943. In Search of a Famine, shown last night at the opening of the Indian film festival in Kuwait, is a film within a film. Its director Mrinal Sen is as complex, if not less.

Mrinal Sen is a bundle of contradictions. He declares he has no political affiliations. Yet, all his films challenge the system — political, social and economic.

Debate

Without fearing the ugly face of reality he exposes it in his movies. Yet, he fears to admit the relatively simpler truth of not being able to reach the masses. Content with doing what he is best at — making films, Sen observes life with his own philosophy. Always alert, Sen absorbs the ugly aspects of poverty, the middle class urge to keep up appearances, the crushing hypocrisy and the savage brutality of selfishness, meanness and cruelty. And with an impish smile and individualistic approach Sen attacks the system — "society, if you prefer."

"I try to pull myself with the hair and stand before a mirror, soul-searching and comment on reality," explains Sen, who is now in Kuwait on a brief visit. Then, it becomes his job to



Mrinal Sen: creative

spark a debate, open a dialogue and "disturb" his viewers. He admits he can't make sweeping changes through the medium of cinema.

"Cinema can't work magic. Like any other art form, cinema creates a climate for healthy debate," says Sen, who has been in the business for 30

years, excelling in his work and improving upon it.

Primarily, Sen is a "social being" who reacts to a given situation "quite normally." What makes Sen a master is his ability to "register the reactions in such a way that they turn out to be a social event, an eye-opener."

In the process he accepts challenges. "Facing a challenge is what keeps you creative," he asserts. Crises stimulate the filmmaker in Sen. "I derive a lot of inspiration from a challenge. He finds the cue in 'the element of risk,' of not knowing what happens next.

Sen is not a rebel but rebels against the system. He is politically motivated. His motives steer towards a broader political scenario. But he is neither a member of any political party nor any of the party's causes.

"Can one be a political," he asks.

"Not all political films are subversive. It depends on your interpretation. Even the relationship between a man and a woman can have political overtones. Yes, in a broader sense, everything is motivated by politics," he says.

Sen thrives on controversy and candidly admits it. "There has to be an element of madness and a little bit of uncertainty in creativity," he explains. So, his work "grows by the minute" when Sen is behind the camera, filming.

"Forty per cent of the complete product is improvised," he reveals. From scribbled ideas on the script, Sen comes close to telling epic stories, even when he is working in an unfamiliar language like two of his rural films "Mairi Manisha" (Two Brothers) in Oriya, an Indian dialect, and Oka Oori Katha (The Outsiders) in Telugu. Both films were based on classical literature.

Humour

While making Geneses, an Indo-French-Swiss-Belgian co-production, Sen "encountered perfection."

"They wanted to know what animals I wanted on the sets and on which day. When the actors would arrive and what I'd be doing at a given time," exclaims Sen.

Though he did give them a "complete script, the first time I ever did so," Sen told the foreign collaborators: "The

only animal you'll see on the sets is Mrinal Sen."

Sen's sly humour comes across in such films as Mrigaya (The Royal Hunt) and he draws hard-hitting parallels to make political comments in such movies as Padatik (The Guerrilla Fighter) and Interview, both set in Calcutta, around which most of his films revolve.

"I look upon Calcutta as a metropolitan milieu — it could be anywhere in India," he explains. And, then, he talks about the disparity and hypocrisy.

Most of all Sen "serves his own conscience" somewhat of a self-appointed critic who looks at his surroundings analytically "to reach an element of profundity," he explains.

Sen has won acclaim worldwide for his films. It was not a smooth way to success. It was an uphill struggle like "climbing a steep hill." Yet, Sen is not out of breath.

Young

A dignified man in his 60s with deep probing eyes and elegantly greying hair, he looks at himself as "a man who is still young at heart." Ageing seems to be a minor inconvenience that does not seem to stop the ideas from flowing. Sen has an astounding capacity to talk endlessly — with ideas flowing incessantly.

His next venture is a film about women's liberation. "People wrongly believe that women's liberation means sexual freedom. What they (women) need is spiritual liberation, physically." He has begun work on the story of two women — one is 50 and the other is 20. Both "arrive at the moment of truth" at some point in the film. How long it will take to shape up the movie is not yet known. He is the sort of man who takes one thing at a time. Eventually, that film would come.

Mrinal Sen has made several near classic movies. Yet, for Sen, the best is yet to come.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

2.15 Holy Quran
2.30 World News via Satellite
3.30 Hakim Al Aqzam: cartoons
4.00 News Summary
4.05 Magazine D'Actualite
4.25 La Ilaha Illallah: daily historical serial; featuring Yusuf Shaban, Raghdha, Hala Fakher
5.30 Zahoor Min Noor: series for children, featuring Safa Abdul Saud, Abu Bakr Ezzat
6.00 Soora Min Al Tabbiya: cultural film
7.00 News Summary
7.05 Al Kashaf: presented by Abdul Aziz Haddad
7.30 Diwanlyat Shuara Al Nabt: poetry session
8.15 Good Evening and Local News
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Ghaddan Tadaq Al Ajras: daily serial, featuring Salah Saadani, Hina Thar-

wath, Mohammad Al Arabi
10.50 Daerat Al Ahadh: "The Water Supply" in Kuwait. Guests are Faisal Yusuf Al Munsif, Abdullah Mohammad Al Munayyeh and Sadeq Ahmad Bu Hamad. Hosted by Kamel Abdul Jalil
11.50 News Summary
11.55 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Inspector Gadget: cartoon serial
6.30 Not Another Science Show: "How Does Your Garden Grow?" Too much water and fertilizer can kill plants. A look at plant care.
7.00 Butterfly Island: "Prisoner of Silence". Charles is attacked by an unknown man while on his way to a scientific

mission.
7.30 Understanding Islam: religious programme
8.00 News in English
8.40 Dalton: Code of Vengeance: "The Last Holdout". As a reward for saving a labourer, Dalton is hired by a vegetable seller.
9.40 Gone Fishing: fishing in New Zealand.
10.30 Best-Seller: "The Fight Against Slavery". Part 2. In 1779, a slave trader Luke Collingwood, a ship's captain ordered his men to throw overboard over 100 Africans. The case was brought to court, not as murder, but as an insurance claim.
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite: Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Free Atelier
Over 90 paintings by Palestinian artist Mohammad Boushnaq are on show at the Free Atelier Gallery, Arabian Gulf St. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Society for Formative Arts. Open daily from 8.30 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until Dec. 22.

Sultan Gallery
Exhibition of Prisse D'Avennes L'Art Arabe (1877), open daily except Friday, 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, at the Sultan Gallery, Al Soor St.

SOCIAL

ACT
Auditions for "An Evening of Absurdity" will be held on Dec 28 and 30, 7 to 9 pm. For details and location call 5620332; 5725071.

Bahrain Modern Art Show
Bahraini Modern Art is on show at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery, daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 8 pm.

Malayalee Drama

Vishwabarathi Theatre, Abbasia, will present a Malayalee Drama, written by Thomas Pereumpilly, on Dec 25, at the Indian Embassy auditorium.

Indian Film Festival

Tonight's film is Satyajit Ray's Shatranj Ke Khiladi (The Chess Players); 7.30 pm, at the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

ASK Alumni Dinner

Friends and graduates of the American School, Kuwait, will hold an alumni dinner at Regency Palace Hotel on Jan 3. The Arabic buffet will begin at 8 pm. For details phone Mrs. Suzy Jones — 5314568.

HOTELS

At the Sheraton
Al Hamba features a special buffet lunch on Dec 25. Hunt Room will offer lunch and dinner buffet and a la carte; music by the Paradise Trio. A selection of set menus will be offered for dinner on Dec 24 and 25. Le Tarbouche features special lunch and dinner buffets.

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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Born American
Starring: Mike Norris, Steve Durham
Al Salmiya
Ruthless People
Starring: Danny De Vito
Al Hamra
Angry Young Man
Drive-In
Jara Al Wuhoosh (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Shariff,

Noora, Hussein Fahmi, Mahmoud Abdul Aziz
Al Firdous
Anjaam (Hindi)
Starring: Shashi Kapoor, Hema Malini
Fahabheel Open-Air
Aadmi (Hindi)
Starring: Dilip Kumar
Al-Fahabheel
Nee Allenkil Jaan (Malayalam)

Al Jahra
Kaanch Ki Deewar (Hindi)
Granada
Begaana (Hindi)
Sulaibikhat
Money Pit
Al Jeeb
Neelankuruni Poothappol (Malayalam)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Viva Knievel

Second straight win for Toyota

History repeated itself in 1987. Like the year before, Toyota has once again clinched the coveted manufacturer's title in the 1987 Middle East Rally Championship. These impressive victories of Toyota Celica Turbo, achieved with the co-operation of Toyota Team Europe, are proofs of the fact that commitment to quality has its own rewards.

RESULTS — 1987

Event	Position	Time	Driver
Qatar International Rally	2nd	3 hrs, 8 mins, 28 secs	Ahmed Khalifa
Kuwait International Rally	2nd	1 hr, 35 mins, 6 secs	Mohammed bin Sulayem
Jordan International Rally	1st	4 hrs, 7 mins, 56 secs	Mohammed bin Sulayem
Oman International Rally	1st	3 hrs, 19 mins, 30 secs	Mohammed bin Sulayem
Dubai International Rally	1st	3 hrs, 24 mins, 10 secs	Mohammed bin Sulayem

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Thought for today

WHAT on earth would man do with himself if something did not stand in his way? — H.G. Wells, English writer-historian (1866-1946).

OPINION

Let the flames of uprising glow

WHY do we really want Israel to stop its atrocities against the Palestinians in the occupied territories? Let them continue with this violence because this means more revolution.

The world should stop its attempts to mediate and cool the revolution of Palestinians in the occupied territories because this is the real revolution. Israel's ideology is to liquidate the Palestinian people so that none remain to demand their rights to their lands.

Let the Israelis continue their acts of hatred for this alone will fan the fire and increase the enthusiasm of Palestinian youths who have been waiting since 1948 for the truth of the world's lies. The world lied, saying they would return the Palestinian people to their homeland. Sometimes they promised that their homeland would be restored through a bloodbath, another time through the United Nations and another through the International Peace Conference. For more than 40 years the Palestinians have waited in vain, getting nothing except more Jewish colonies and the deportation of more Palestinians from their country.

Israel never hesitates in claiming that Jordan is the home of the Palestinians and that they should go there. After Jordan, Israel will say Syria is the home of the Palestinians, and later Egypt, until it becomes Turkey or East Asia as the land of the Palestinians. Along with the Palestinians, other Arabs in the lands annexed by Israel would have to leave also.

Let the Israelis cut open the bellies of young Palestinians, as this alone will incite the youth of Palestine to retaliate in like manner. This is what motivates revolution and by quelling the uprising and waiting for an international peace conference, we are simply restoring the years of the British mandate over Palestine and the years when Palestinians lived in tents waiting for their lost homeland to be returned.

For 40 years the world has cheated the Palestinians, telling them Palestine would be restored tomorrow, or the day after. By saying that "tomorrow" is the US presidential elections and the world will then put pressure on Israel has done nothing but make a laughing stock of the Palestinians.

The true revolution is the revolution inside Palestine, and if it does not face more pressure from the tyranny of Israel it will subside as the revolution outside of Palestine has, turning into a war of hotels instead of trenches.

The flame has started and we must tend it. Arms are unimportant here; bombs and automatic machine guns are unnecessary — strikes, stones and fire alone are effective. Israel itself was established by the violence of the Hagana gangs with fires and stones, and now Israel must be destroyed by the same weapon.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Haiti far off from path to democracy

By Dan Sewell

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti. (AP) Haiti, the first former slave state to become a nation, finds itself 183 years later far off the path to meaningful, lasting democracy.

Elections in this poverty-stricken Caribbean nation are set for Jan 17, nearly two years after Haitians threw off the brutal Duvalier dictatorship. But citizens are afraid to vote, and some of the best-known candidates refuse to run because of the climate of violence and the potential for fraud.

Political observers say they can't predict what will happen. One Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity last week, repeatedly replied with the Haitian expression "pas connait (don't know)."

This former French colony was the second nation in the Western hemisphere to gain independence, after the United States. Francois (Papa Doc) Duvalier, who came to power in a disputed 1957 election and held power until his death in 1971, ruled with repression, raised taxes and let Haiti's infrastructure decline.

Forced His son, Jean-Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier, ruled until wide civil unrest forced him to flee into French exile on Feb. 7, 1986, leaving a pillaged, shattered economy.

US officials had hoped the Nov 29 balloting for president and national assembly would come off and Haiti would make its long-awaited transition to democracy. But soldiers and gunmen thought to be remnants of the Duvaliers' feared private militia, the Tontons Macoute, killed at least 34 voters and confiscated ballots on election day. The election was called off three hours after it began.

The three-man junta, led by Lt Gen. Henri Namphy, is plunging ahead with its own version of how to hold an election. It is rewriting the electoral law and appointed a new, nine-member electoral council last week to

replace the one it dismissed Nov 29.

Haitian politicians praised the old council for its independence and its insistence in disqualifying candidates who supported the Duvalier dynasty. The council's members are in hiding.

The four presidential candidates generally considered to have the best organizations and widest following say they will boycott any election under a Namphy-appointed electoral council.

"We have decided to put our heads together because of our common conviction that free elections are not possible with this government," said Louis Dejoie II, joined by former World Bank economist Marc Bazin, human-rights activist Gerard Gourgue and peasant leader Sylvio Claude.

The four have the backing of Haiti's major unions. The small Communist Party, which fielded candidates on Nov 29, says it will also boycott new elections.

The junta says it is not concerned about the boycott.

"Who says they are the major candidates?" said the government's acting minister of information, Gerard Noel. Noel didn't rule out the candidacies of some of the 12 alleged Duvalierists in new elections and said that is a matter for the new electoral council.

A boycott could open the National Palace for one of the 18 other presidential candidates on the ballot.

One, Gregoire Eugene, says he sees no reason not to run. Eugene, a soft-spoken teacher, returned from US exile to challenge Duvalier in 1985.

Two other candidates with anti-Duvalier credentials, Hubert de Ronceray and Leslie Manigat, said they are watching developments before deciding what to do.

Namphy repeatedly promises he will hand over political power to a freely elected government on schedule next Feb. 7. Politicians, some foreign diplomats and prominent Haitians, however, say it's obvious he wants a government the Army can influence.

Chances of reaching agreement on Start treaty fifty-fifty

Reagan determined to go to Moscow

PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan is so pleased with the outcome of his summit discussions with general secretary Mikhail Gorbachev and the relationship he has been able to establish with him that he plans to go to Moscow for his return visit in June or July whether an agreement is reached in the meantime on a Start treaty, a fifty per cent reduction of long-range nuclear missiles.

What are the chances of such an agreement since the negotiators are facing greater obstacles than they had to within the INF Treaty?

Paul Nitze, the chief American negotiator in this field, told me recently that he rates the chances not higher than fifty-fifty. A White House official was almost equally cautious. He still thought it was a possibility rather than only a probability. The reason, of course, is that the obstacles to overcome are formidable. The basic question will be what does each side need as a minimum to preserve its nuclear deterrent.

Next the on-the-spot verification procedures will have to be far more intrusive than they are under the INF Treaty. Would Americans allow the Soviets to inspect their nuclear submarines, to offer one example? Anyway, the President is eager to go to Moscow because it will once again prove that he is still a powerful political figure in the world and that he is far from a "lame duck" in domestic political terms.

Equality

The Moscow summit is also very important to the general secretary because he needs to impress on the Soviet public how much equality now exists between the Soviet Union and the United States. The Kremlin is extremely status conscious and there were plenty of indications during the Washington summit of how pleased the Soviets were with the respect they were treated here.

Some American officials are concerned that the plans for the Moscow summit and President Reagan's eagerness to visit the Soviet Union will put undue pressures on the negotiators in Geneva and lead to concessions for concessions sake in order to clinch a treaty.

But there is every indication that Reagan will not impose those kind of pressures. If necessary he will say that a limited

preliminary agreement, that does not add up to a full-blown treaty as yet, will suffice. In fact, most the American experts doubt that serious progress can be achieved within the next six months, even though an agreement on how many nuclear warheads each side should retain was reached here during the last phases of the Washington summit. What will matter in the end is whether the Soviets will agree to the maximum number of warheads on land-based missiles, which threatened the United States with a first strike possibility, and whether the United States will agree to cut down in equal measure on its sea-based nuclear missiles which the Soviets consider the greatest threat to their security.

Breakthrough

Actually, what prevented the two leaders from scoring a decisive breakthrough in the last hour of the summit were about half a dozen words.

The issue was President Reagan's hobbyhorse, the Space Defence Initiative, which the Soviets believe is a threat to them. The American negotiators were quite prepared to agree to a set of conditions clearly defining what tests in space would be permitted and what tests would be prohibited under the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. But the Soviets were afraid that tests as such could lead or become the equivalent to deployment of weapons in space.

It is not easy to understand for any ordinary person, including a reporter, why a simple sentence can become such a key to the future, but the Soviets are apprehensive that the Americans could achieve a technological breakthrough in space weaponry and the Americans are eager to test because they hope for such a technical breakthrough.

Admit

The President has explained to Gorbachev that he is not out to achieve nuclear superiority through his Space Defence Initiative, but such is the continuing mistrust that Gorbachev is not willing to take any chances.

Nevertheless, what struck me most in talking to high Soviet officials was the sense of urgency they conveyed about the need for further rapid progress with the so-called "Start" talks, the fifty

Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon

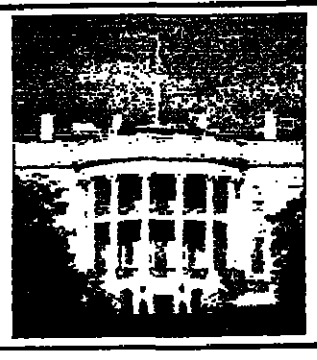


Mikhail Gorbachev

per cent reduction of long-range nuclear missiles.

No Soviet was willing to admit publicly that Gorbachev was disappointed with the limited advances made at the summit, the emphasis on both sides was on success and the new era in Soviet-American relations, but there were enough indications that Gorbachev was upset that he was unable to bring home more than the signatures on the INF Treaty. American officials acknowledge that the Soviets were anxious for more concrete results, especially on the observance of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, but they point out that, more often than not, it was the Soviets who were unwilling to make the necessary concessions.

The Soviets have dropped their insistence that tests be limited to laboratories, as they argued at Reykjavik, and agreed to experiments and development outside them, but the Americans argued that experiments and developments do not serve their purpose unless they can be tested. The Americans have gone further in suggesting that permission for each test be agreed to separately, but the Soviet experts



Ronald Reagan

appear to be afraid that a test could develop into a space system.

Refused

If Reagan refused to go beyond his bottom line on SDI or Start he set himself, it was, at least partly, because he did not want to complicate the ratification debate on the INF Treaty in the Senate. After all, it is the ratification that is of immediate importance. After talking to Senator Byrd, the Democratic majority leader, I have no doubt that Senate ratification is certain by the end of February or the beginning of March.

Little headway was made in the discussion of regional problems, especially on the Middle East. The Soviets said that they may join the US in voting for military sanctions against Iran, but at the same time they argued that they are still trying to persuade the Iranians before the scene to accept the UN ceasefire resolution.

They also emphasised that there are so many weapons available on the free market that such sanctions are bound to have very little effect on the war. Some American officials believe that one reason Moscow has been try-

ing to improve its links with Tehran is the expectation that the Iranians in the end, even if they do not win the war, will be in a better position than Iraq.

What really troubles the Kremlin, though, is the strong American presence in the Gulf. It is for that reason that they proposed a United Nations naval presence to force the United States out, but this proposal does not even have much propaganda value. It is totally unrealistic.

Withdrawal

And as to the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, the Soviets went surprisingly far in hinting that they are so anxious to get out of this quagmire that they will accept the "understandings" that have been agreed on under the chairmanship of the UN mediator Diego Corvez.

They provide for a start of the Soviet troops withdrawal to be followed within sixty days of the cutting off of outside aid to the rebels. American officials up to now assumed that the Soviets would not want to withdraw their own troops until they have some sort of subservient government in control and until they could be sure that their communist allies are not exposed to the risk of being slaughtered by the rebel forces who are not known to take prisoners.

Almost more important than the results of the arms control discussions at the Washington summit was the personal impressions Gorbachev left behind. Americans from the President down to the man-in-the-street were impressed by his dynamism, his intelligence, his quick wit, his self-confidence and his toughness.

They now realise that he is an adversary they must not underestimate. At the same time, they also believe, as Prime Minister Thatcher put it first, that they can do "business" with him. In fact, President Reagan went even further when he said that he was a man who had forewarned the idea of Soviet world domination. More secrets have been exchanged between the United States and the Soviet Union in the last three months than anybody would have thought possible even six months ago. It reminds me of a conversation Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leader, had with Allen Dulles, the then director of the Central

Intelligence Agency, during his stay in Washington in 1959.

Khrushchev then, in a joshing way, suggested to Dulles that they exchange secret documents directly and thereby save themselves the costs of paying for their spy organisations.

Exchange

If the exchange of secrets has become something of a common place between the Soviets and the Americans, high Soviet officials telling their counterparts the latest jokes current in Moscow is a novelty.

One Soviet official, for instance, said to his neighbour at the White House dinner for Gorbachev that a story is making the rounds in Moscow that Raisa Gorbachev gets a high salary as an official adviser to her husband and that consequently they can live on her salary while his goes into a savings bank.

Raisa is said to be rather unpopular in the Soviet Union because in a country where the wives of government officials traditionally remain unseen in the background, she is accused of pursuing the "cult of personality". Those who met her personally during her Washington visit report that she seems to hold far more rigid ideological views than her husband, that she is very argumentative and not very tolerant of other people's views.

But there is no doubt that some sort of empathy has developed between President Reagan and general secretary Gorbachev and that both have a strong desire to lower the risks of war and to reduce the number of nuclear weapons on both sides. Both sides have also reached the conclusion that they cannot continue to spend as much money on arms as they presently do, the Soviet leadership even more so than the Reagan administration. It is also quite important that the group of American officials, led by Secretary of Defence Casper Weinberger and Richard Perle, which was opposed to serious negotiations with the Soviets out of conviction, has been decimated and that President Reagan is now surrounded by men seeking realistic accommodations with Moscow. However, even if a Start agreement were concluded under President Reagan, it is quite certain that its ratification procedures would have to wait the election of a new president.

Charges of rigging provoked outbreak of violence

South Korea faces another year of uncertainty

By Spencer Sherman

SEOUL, South Korea. (UPI) For many South Koreans, an extraordinary year of unprecedented political change ended as it began, in violence and uncertainty.

The year's watershed was the popular uprising against the authoritarian rule of former Gen. Chun Doo Hwan in which people won the right to choose their next leader through direct elections for the first time in nearly 17 years. By a two million vote margin, however, they chose Chun's hand-picked successor, Roh Tae-Woo, ensuring another cycle of protest and instability.

Not all signs pointed toward unhappiness with the election results in the economically surging nation, though. On Dec 17, the day Roh's historic victory was declared, the Korean stock market index climbed a record 19.27 points.

But a charge by opposition candidates Kim Dae Jung and Kim Young-Sam that the election was rigged quickly provoked a new outbreak of widespread street protests, damp-

pening the hopes of many that last year's political violence would be eclipsed by the advent of democracy.

The rollercoaster year began with revelations of the police torture-killing of a student, which became a rallying point for a broad cross section of people who had long been unhappy with the US-backed authoritarian government, and who took to the streets in student-led protests.

Further martyrs for the anti-government cause were created as the escalating violence brought firm police intervention. Chun's plan to pass power to his ruling party-approved successor subsided only when Chun capitulated to what he called the "will of the people" for direct elections.

But the political atmosphere remained tense, with continuing fears over the question of whether a peaceful transition from a military-backed government was possible and worry that communist North Korea was attempting to undermine the summer Olympic Games scheduled in Seoul next September.

On Nov 29, a Korean Air passenger jet with 115 people aboard

vanished over South East Asia and officials believed North Korean might have been behind a plot to bomb the jet out of the sky. But all the facts were not known as the year drew to a close.

None of the turmoil that wracked the country in 1987 seemed to derail South Korea's economic "miracle" as the industrial juggernaut plowed ahead. The growth of the gross national product was expected to meet or beat the 12.5 per cent growth rate of 1986.

South Koreans of all political stripes hoped that the first popular presidential election in 16 years and the 1988 Olympics would thrust the nation center-stage as an equal partner with its allies in the Western industrialized world.

The political future of the nation looked bleak at the beginning of the year when the government admitted that police had tortured and killed student Park Chong-Chul while interrogating him about his anti-government activities.

His death added fresh fuel to the anti-government student and dissident movement that had fought to topple Chun since he

rose to power in a 1979 coup, after the assassination of President Park Chung-Hee, another general who took power in a 1961 military coup.

Soon after the torture-death was revealed, government and opposition party lawmakers deadlocked over what form of government should replace the fifth republic by Chun.

Opposition leaders insisted that direct elections replace the electoral college system that voted Chun into power twice, fearing the system was rigged in favour of Chun's hand-picked successor Roh Tae-Woo, another former general who was instrumental in Chun's 1979 coup.

Then came what one Western diplomat called "Chun's fatal miscalculation," an April 13 speech where he said "time has run out" for negotiations and he ordered presidential elections be held under the electoral college system.

For three weeks, the government attempted to crush the riots, which spread across the country with tear gas and truncheons, but it didn't work. Even the growing fear that Chun

would declare martial law did not stop the riots.

Faced with the possibility of losing the Olympics in a haze of

tear gas, Chun conceded to a direct election on July 1, saying the will of the people had been heard.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1562 — Gregorian calendar is adopted in France.
- 1694 — Frederick of Brandenburg restores Schweibitz to Holy Roman Empire.
- 1712 — Sweden defeat Danes at Gadebusch, Poland.
- 1830 — London conference of Britain, France, Austria, Prussia and Russia agrees with Belgium on separation from Holland.
- 1852 — British forces annex Pegu, lower Burma, in war with Burmese.
- 1912 — London peace conference between Turkey and Balkan states.
- 1922 — Fourteen republics of Russia form Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
- 1928 — Britain recognizes Nanking government (Kuomintang) of China.
- 1954 — France sends 20,000 troops to Algeria.
- 1957 — European nuclear energy agency is inaugurated.
- 1972 — Gunmen kill eight men and wound five others in one of bloodiest days in Northern Ireland conflict.
- 1973 — Spain's Premier Luis Carrero Blanco is killed when assassins bomb his car in Madrid.
- 1985 — Three gunmen end one-day siege of courtroom in Nantes, France, and release all but two of their original 30 hostages as they head for airport getaway.
- 1986 — Up to 30,000 students march for democracy through streets of Shanghai in China's largest demonstration since era of Cultural Revolution.

Shortage of workers in Singapore sends employers scrambling

By Ruth Youngblood

SINGAPORE, (UPI) A 36-year-old housewife waiting for her three youngsters to return from school glanced at the deluge of newspaper advertisements begging for job applicants.

Enticements such as free retraining, premium salaries and opportunities with prestigious international corporations failed to spark even a hint of enthusiasm.

I want to work only on weekends and during school holidays," said Tan Lee Eng, "when the children don't need me at home."

Such inflexible job candidates are no longer ignored by desperate employers grappling with a labour shortage threatening to choke the country's surging economy.

New companies from the United States, Europe and Japan are looking elsewhere for manpower sources while government officials are pleading with housewives and retirees to at least take part-time jobs.

The recovery from Singapore's worst recession since

independence is creating a tight labour situation that could overheat and undermine the recovery itself, economists warn, with American manufacturers among those who would suffer the most.

The 8 per cent unemployment rate of 1985 has been replaced by an acute shortfall in the most critical industries. With Singaporeans able to pick and choose, job-jumping is becoming epidemic, particularly in the electronics industry.

Worrisome

Even more worrisome are the predictions of population planners that the republic may never generate enough workers to fill the gap between the indigenous supply and the actual numbers needed to keep manufacturing moving.

Trade and industry minister Lee Hsien Loong fears "calamitous consequences" if birth rates continue to fall with Singapore's current population of 2.6 million starting to shrink around the year 2010.

"If we don't reverse the trend, Singapore will be nothing but old folks clubs," he said.

To address the immediate

labour problem and the population slump, Lee and other officials are encouraging women to juggle a three-child family with a job and are urging employers to pave the way through part-time and flexi-time arrangements. Scrapping the 55-year-old retirement age is also under consideration.

Many multinationals are nearing expansion limits confronted by a lack of manpower. A new survey of US investors in Singapore found the biggest constraint to current expansion was the "limited labour pool, which could restrict future growth."

Total employment in American companies "appears to have levelled off" because of the difficulty in hiring sufficient numbers of employees, researchers said.

Although the US embassy evaluation of 407 companies indicated the firms still plan to invest at least another \$202 million, complaints centered on job-hopping, difficulties in finding third-shift workers and delays in government approval of foreign worker permits.

"The number of applicants

remains high but when it comes to the interview, many of them either disappear or make excessive or unreasonable demands, like refusing to work shifts or to do certain types of work," a personnel manager said.

With the United States the largest source of direct foreign investment here amounting to \$7.55 billion, authorities agree it is essential to tap a large portion of the 745, 799 economically inactive residents to meet expanding demands at a time when population growth is stagnant.

The government has even started allowing factories to bring in workers from China although there are no diplomatic ties between fervently anti-communist Singapore and China.

So far, National Semiconductor Pte. Ltd., a subsidiary of the US-based National Semiconductor Corp. has hired 100 Chinese contract workers. Another company is hiring, and a third has reportedly sent recruiters on an evaluation mission.

Permitting the Chinese workers may be an indication of how seriously the government

regards the labour shortage, economists said.

After three quarters of steady expansion in 1987, the Ministry of Trade and Industry's own report said the economy is "beginning to hit against the labour supply constraint."

"Despite the entry of about 30,000 school leavers and graduates into the labour market in the first half of the year, the labour market became increasingly tight," the report said.

Workforce

Third-country nationals, primarily Malaysians, form about 10 per cent of the workforce of the American firms with a total of 62,000 employees. But electrical and electronics companies are finding it harder to recruit production workers now that the Malaysian economy is rebounding.

"It's a simple case of demand exceeding supply," said Jeremy Lee, personnel manager of Black Decker, a US manufacturer of electrical household appliances.

Rubber estates and palm oil plantations recovering from the recession are offering higher wages, making it less attractive

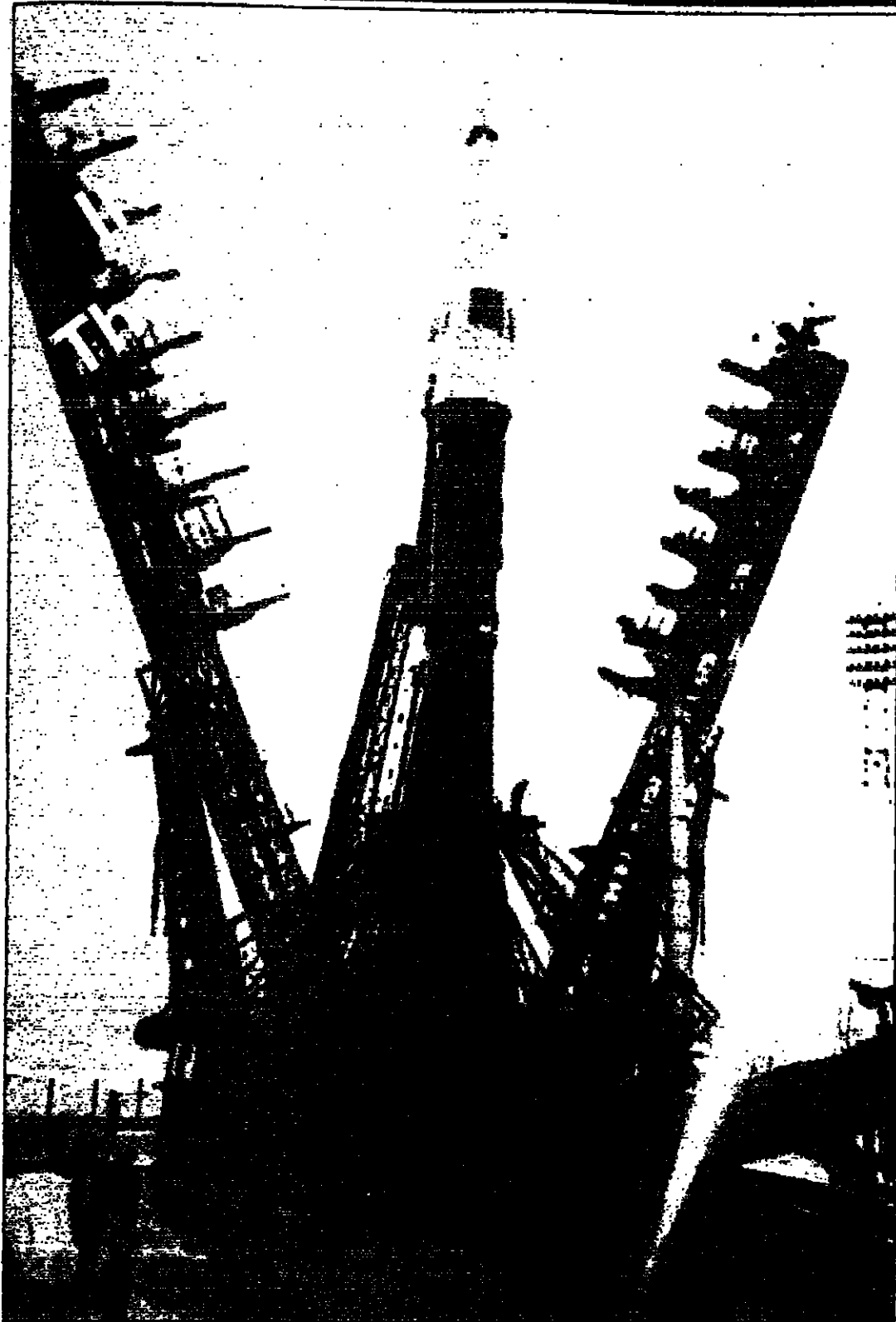
for Malaysians to seek employment in Singapore.

"It's not cost-effective to recruit from there anymore," said a spokesman with ATF Consumer Products.

Officials with the American producer of telecommunication equipment have been to Malaysia five times in search of job seekers, with each visit generating poorer and poorer response.

Some companies are so strapped they are hiring and paying people to do nothing in advance of planned projects. The trade ministry's evaluation noted productivity growth per worker slowed from 2.6 per cent to 4 per cent and said "the stagnating output could be partly due to firms actively recruiting workers for new expansion projects that were not fully operational."

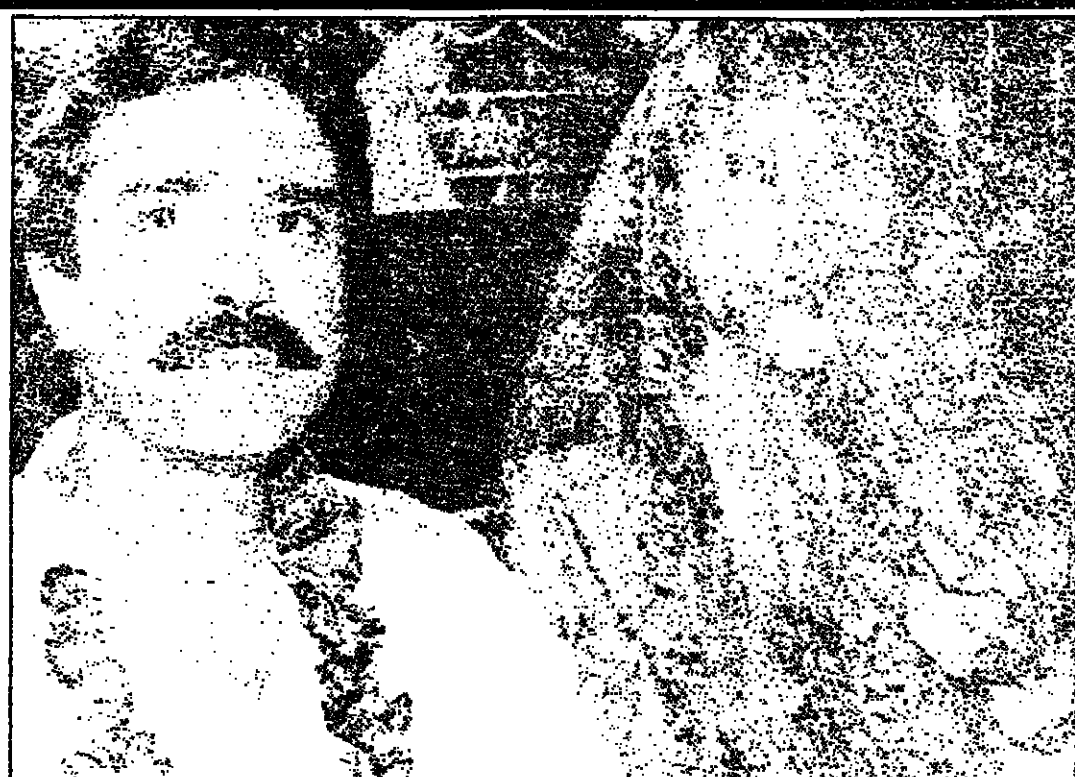
South Koreans, Taiwanese and others are employed here, and some firms that have recently started operations have foreigners making up almost half of the work force. The government won't allow companies to recruit foreign workers above that level.



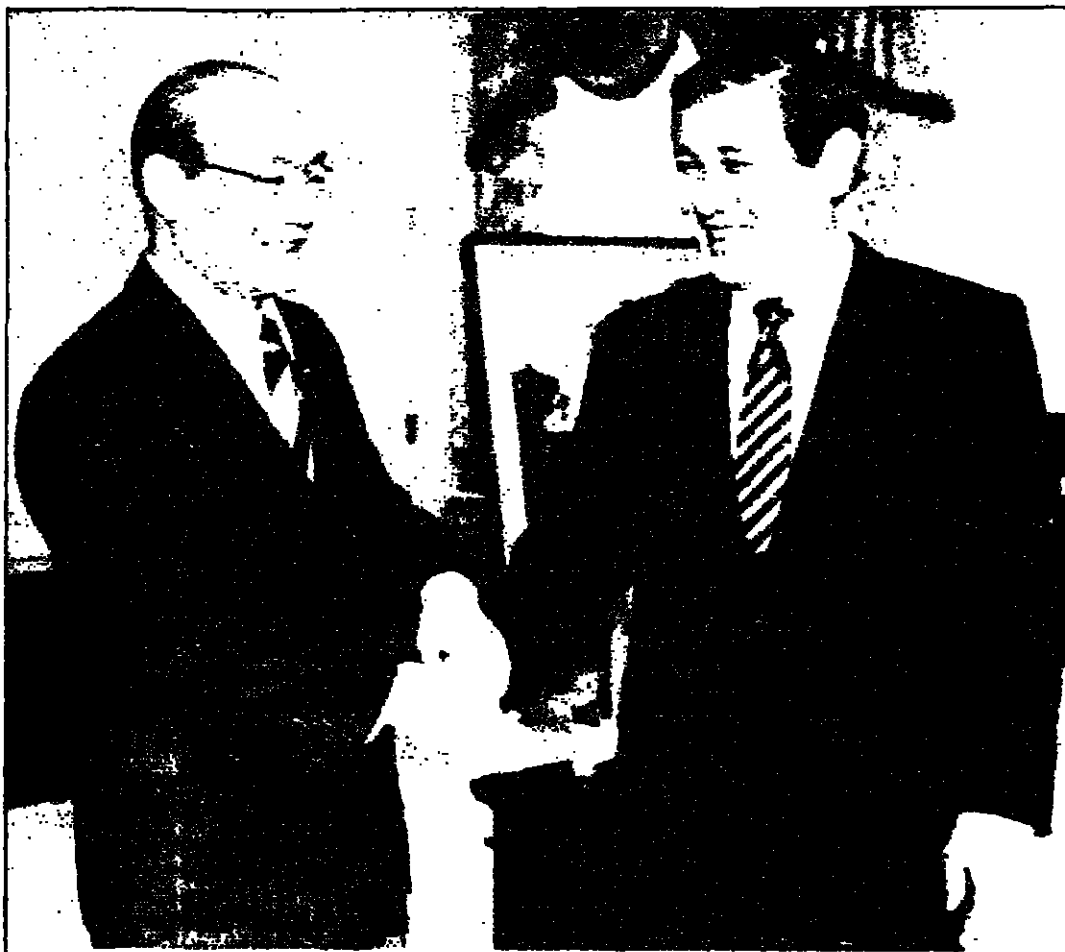
A NEW crew will blast off on Monday to the Soviet space station Mir, where their takeover from the present crew apparently signals the start of the laboratory's permanent occupation. A Soyuz TM-4 rocket stands on the launch pad ready for Monday's launch. (Reuter radiophoto)



METROZOO assistant curator Ron Magill examines a Siamese twin snapping turtle. The four-year-old turtles are joined at the shells and share seven legs, two tails and two hearts. They are on display at the Miami zoo. (Reuter radiophoto)



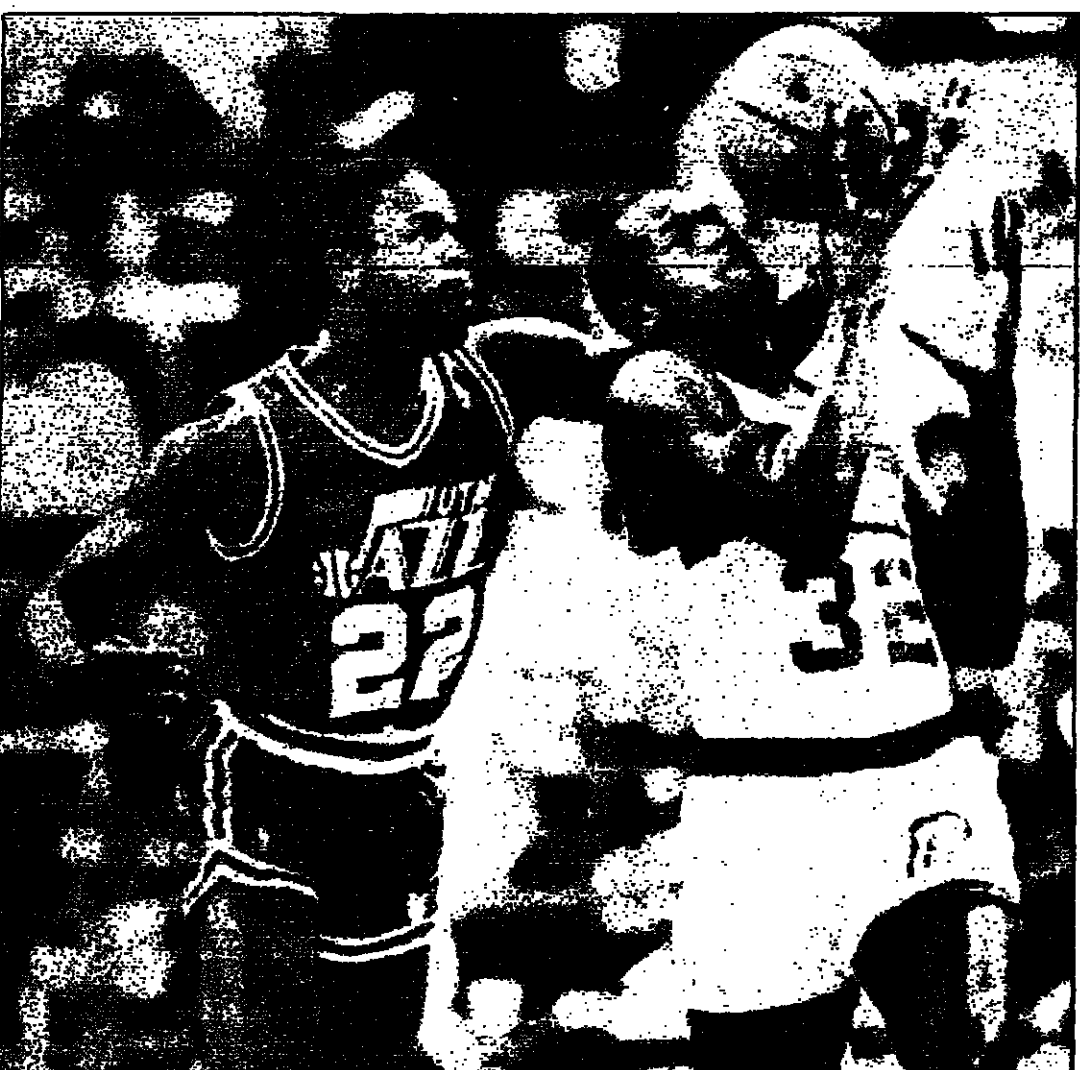
BENAZIR BHUTTO, the 34-year-old Oxford-educated Pakistani opposition leader is pictured with her husband Asif Zardari on the eve of their wedding. (Reuter radiophoto)



SOUTH KOREA'S president-elect Roh Tae Woo (right) visits President Chun Doo Hwan at the Blue House presidential mansion on Saturday for post-election talks. (Reuter radiophoto)



FIRST LADY Nancy Reagan listens to two-year-old Emilee Dobish on Friday during a visit to Children's Hospital in Washington. Mrs Reagan presented the hospital with a \$25,000 cheque from several industries and toured the hospital wards visiting patients. (Reuter radiophoto)



INDIANA forward Herb Williams (right) battles with Utah forward Carey Scurry (left) during first half basketball action in Indianapolis on Friday. (Reuter radiophoto)



A LITTLE boy shows his toy camera to his grandmother during a family picnic at Ming Tombs near Peking on a sunny winter day. (Reuter radiophoto)



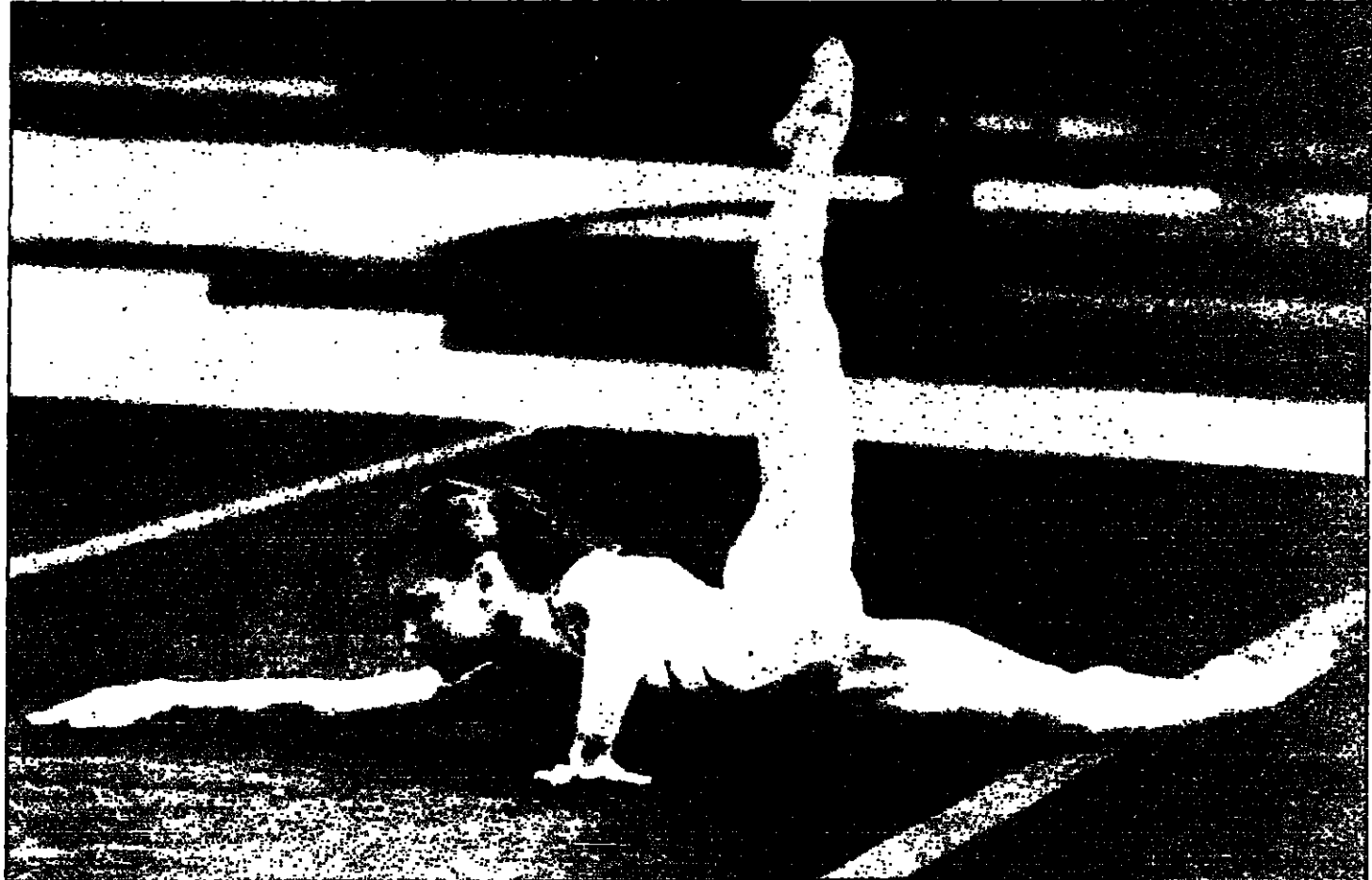
FORMER Wall Street investor Ivan Boesky leaves court in New York on Friday after being sentenced to three years in prison for illegally trading inside information that earned him millions of dollars. (Reuter radiophoto)



WEST GERMAN Social Democrat Hans Juergen Wischniewski, seen in this June 1987, file photo, is one of the three politicians who were named by Nicaraguan President Ortega as specialist advisers in a second round of ceasefire talks with Contra rebels. (Reuter radiophoto)



THE tail section of a Philippine Airlines Sunrider plane which crashed last Sunday morning is seen on Mt Gurain in Munal, Lanao del Norte. The bodies of the 19 passengers and crew were recovered. (Reuter radiophoto)



SOVIET All Republics junior champion gymnast, Olga Chudina, 14, performs a floor exercise during Friday's practice sessions for the international tournament at Alexandra Palace in London which will be held this weekend. (Reuter radiophoto)

SCIENCE

By Carole Beckley

LURKING in your bed, nestling under the covers, are millions of tiny creatures crawling about and nibbling on flakes of your skin.

No matter how often you change the sheets and air the bedroom, the mites will still be there — 2,000,000 in the average double bed.

They are fussy creatures. They only live in beds and carpets and eat nothing but human skin.

There is plenty of it about. Skin falls off at an alarming rate whenever you move — tens of thousands of skin flakes per minute. And the waiting dust mites, hiding at the base of the carpet tufts, are ready to gobble them up.

Dust mites are not the only creatures you share your house with. With the help of highly powered microscopes, computer-enhanced X-rays and a camera, all sorts of creepy crawlies come into focus.

Those hungry little dust mites might be invisible to the human eye, but magnified they look like terrifying monsters with eight legs, vicious serrated front claws and stubby hairs sprouting all over their armour-plated bodies.

Hiding in the kitchen are



Green Fingers: Magnified 20 times, an aphid clammers over a leaf. Simple things like gardening, sneezing, and even taking a bath, will never seem the same again.

psedomonads — itty-bitsy tube-like creatures with long tails that swim across table surfaces and congregate around the sink.

On the walls are fungus creatures, with legs like an octopus, which plug themselves into tiny cracks in the wood and paintwork.

In a new book David Bodanis has uncovered the secret world of your house and its skin-crawling stuff. Nothing is as it seems — from the

Skin-crawling discovery

The secret world of your house!

Hiding in your bed, in your bathroom, in your kitchen and even on your clothes are millions of creatures waiting to pounce on you. These hungry little mites might be invisible to the human eye but magnified they look like terrifying monsters. In a new book, author David Bodanis uncovers and photographs the secret world in your home.

clothes we wear to the food we eat. For instance, take a look at the shirt or blouse you put on each morning.

Clean cotton shirts are dripping with all sorts of goopy outer layers which soak up dirt. The fibres are covered with dissolved waxes and resins and when you move, skin flakes and grease rub off and get trapped among the fibres.

Compare a clean collar and a dirty collar under a microscope and you will never forget to change your shirt again.

If you thought washing and shaving were simple procedures, think again. David Bodanis says: "Scooping a mass of coagulated dirt, live fungi and other undesirables from a large webbing of dead cell material is one way to des-

cribe washing your hair.

"Warm, molten grease slides along the hair and this picks up anything that is floating around — 15 grammes of dirt every two days.

"When you wash your hair, the detergent tears off the dirt and congealed grease but it also alters the electrical balance of the hair. Brushing or combing the hair makes this worse.

"To de-electrify the hair, you can use conditioner or hairs-

pray. The former is just a mix that produces positive electric charges and the spray acts like a liquid plastic that forms a continuous wrap and clings tight."

The aftermath of shaving is also disconcerting. If you use an electric razor, there will be 100,000 to half a million skin cell chunks that have been torn loose, stuck to the blades. And left behind on the face will be ripped hairs, stumps and gashes. No wonder so many

men grow beards!

Examining the food we eat is even more stomach-churning. A prime cut of beef may look, fresh, red, juicy and appetising but looks are deceiving.

David explains: "Meat is red simply because it is in contact with oxygen, and oxygen and haemoglobin produces red pigment."

"In actual fact, the meat you buy is more than ten days old because you wouldn't care to eat it any earlier. Fresh meat suffers from rigor mortis and it takes more than a week for the tautened death agony of the animal's muscles to loosen.

"So, unless you want to eat tough grey meat, wait for a week to let the muscles relax and soften again." It's enough to make you become a



Micro monster: Hairy and horrible, a dust mite magnified 1,000 times. These creatures hide in beds and carpets, waiting to gobble up your skin flakes.



Bed companion: A hunting bedbug in full glory. The head is tiny, but the body is huge and expandable, for holding the blood it siphons in.



Eye of a needle: A threaded needle, seen through a microscope. What appears to be a bundle of ropes is actually fine cotton thread.

vegetarian!

In his book, David also examines sounds — from the inaudible hens' eggs breathing in the panty to the loud crunch of a crisp.

Eggs have little holes that breathe in oxygen and wheeze out gases. But the holes also let in bacteria.

Once inside the egg, the bacteria has a battle to survive. The white is like a chemically-loaded, booby-trapped sea that destroys bacteria instantly. Unless the bacteria arrives on a

vitamin, it will be doomed. Lettuce, carrots and apples are naturally crisp, but what makes that crunchy noise when you bite into them?

David says: "It's a clever piece of engineering. These fruits are composed of water-packed cells which pop open when you bite. When an apple is consumed, microscopic water jets geyser out at over 100 miles per hour (160 kph) at the point of tooth contact."

"How loud the explosive vegetable boom is, will depend on how strong the balloon cell walls are, ie, how much they can take before exploding."

This idea of little explosive cells is used to make potato crisps. Crisps are pumped full of air — 80 per cent per crisp — and when you bite into them, the cell walls snap and generate a sound wave.

Under a microscope, a crisp looks like the lunar surface of the moon. It is covered with craters and furrows and these act as fault lines to spread the break.

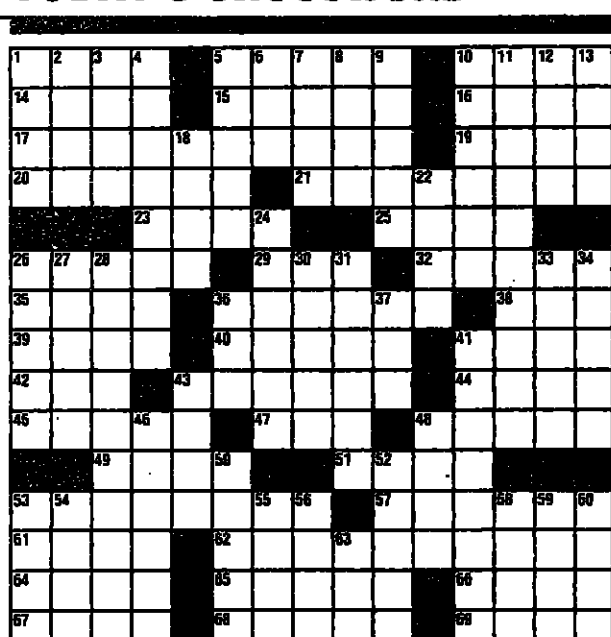
Most foods are unrecognisable when they are magnified. Salt crystals look like space ships and sugar appears as pretty, flowery stalks.

The Secret House, by David Bodanis (Sidgwick and Jackson, UK £12.95).



Sinister: A woodworm beetle emerges from a chair leg, photographed through an electron microscope. No matter how fussy you are, your home will be running alive with millions of these tiny creatures.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Plant fiber
 - Imperfectly
 - Summit
 - Consumer
 - Fathered
 - Imp
 - Wordy science
 - Roster
 - Magical horse
 - Liberates
 - Crave
 - Ceases
 - Move
 - Legal matter
 - Indian official
 - Indigo plant
 - Neighbor to the South
 - "...clear day..."
 - Riviera resort
 - Nimble
 - Rain or snow follower
 - Tyke
 - Reveille player
 - Baseless
 - Coalesce
 - Craving
 - Mississippi has four of these
 - Didn't pay
 - Sample
 - Observes
 - Lured
 - Vigor
 - Need for a 11 Down solver
 - Italian cash
 - Ham it up
 - Stripe
 - Items in Santa's bag
 - Glutton
 - Transport for Bob?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

GASP BAG RUDE
 ASPIC FIVE LASER
 RIATA BEL ARENA
 BANANAFRITTERS
 TRY DUE
 SLEET BROWSE
 ACUTE ASHES SHAW
 BANANASHORTCAKE
 CLAP CHEW RACER
 SERENE JERKS
 UTA TIOM
 BEST OF THE BUNCH
 MERIT TOE LEORIA
 ALLAY EER ELLER
 STEIN ROE EAST

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
 ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠K9852 ♥83 ♦Q763 ♣K4

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—You do not have enough for game, but you have the values to invite partner to go on if he has a maximum. However, the hand would play better in spades if partner has a fit. So start off by checking on partner's major-suit holdings by using Stayman. Bid two clubs.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠K9852 ♥83 ♦Q763 ♣K4

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Partner has denied a four-card major, but he might still have three-card support for spades and a maximum no trump. Therefore, you should now bid two spades to show five spades and 8-9 points—with a weaker hand you would simply have bailed out in two spades in the first place.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠K9852 ♥83 ♦Q763 ♣K4

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass

2 ♦ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

2 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Partner's two no trump rebid denies three-card support for your suit and, at the same time, says he has a minimum no trump opening. With only 8 HCP, you don't have enough to raise, so pass.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠K9852 ♥83 ♦Q763 ♣K4

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass

2 ♦ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

3 ♣ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Partner's raise to three spades still shows a minimum no trump, but it promises three-card support. Once you have located a fit, your hand revalues to 10-plus points, so you should go on to four spades.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AQ ♥AK982 ♦KQ63 ♣92

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—You have a very good hand, but you can't be sure where you are going to play—spades, hearts, diamonds and no trump are all still possible. Don't steal your own bidding room by jump shifting! Just bid two diamonds. You will learn more from partner's free action than from a forced response. And should he pass two diamonds, you probably don't have game anyway.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AJ76 ♥KJ103 ♦8 ♣KJ63

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

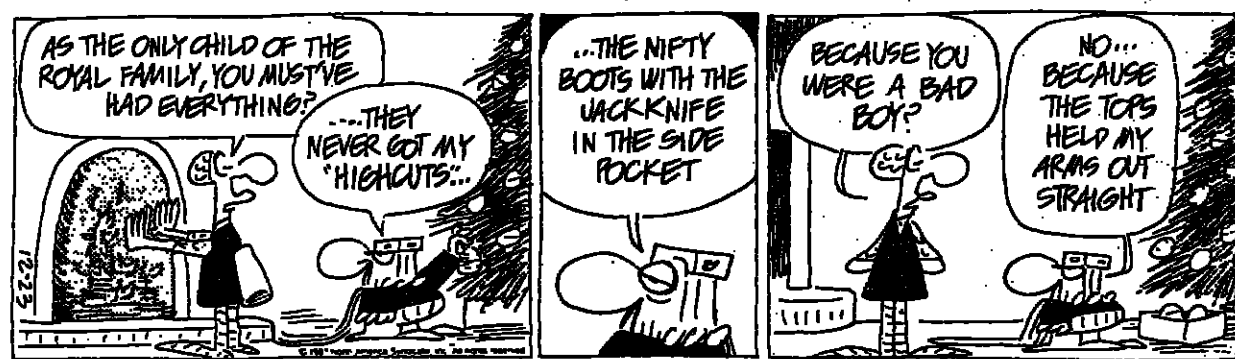
1 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ ?

What action do you take?

A.—More than likely, you have the best hand at the table. The frustrating part is that there is nothing you can do with it, for the moment. You have the wrong shape for a takeout double, and an overall of two spades or three clubs guarantees at least a good five-card suit. Pass.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The circumstances are right for you to do something you have had in mind for some time. You will have the courage of your convictions. You should not lose sight of your objectives. Be firm.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be able to make good progress in dealing with a more secondary matter. However you must not neglect dealing with what is most important. Do your utmost not to lose your temper.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

A problem you thought was difficult will turn out to be quite easy to deal with. You must do all you can to fulfill a promise you have made. You will have something to be pleased about. Be tactful.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You should not leave everything until the last moment. Your intuitions will help you to decide between two equally reasonable alternatives. You will be able to do a friend a great favour. Be lenient.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will tend to tire rather easily and should attend to what is most important first of all. You should not put all your eggs in one basket. Do not believe all you hear and do not rely on guesswork. Be cordial.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

The Moon's influence will help you to overcome a particularly unusual problem. You will have to make up your mind in respect of a matter affecting your long-term future.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

There will be some tense moments but if you keep calm and do not lose your temper you will be able to deal with them. Venus's more favourable influence will help you to deal with a personal matter.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

There is no time to lose. You will have something to be pleased about but you must not relax your efforts. Concentrate on what is most important and then relax. Be considerate.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

For the greater part of the day all will go like a house on fire, but later there will be some problems. If you concentrate you will be able to deal with them before they become too serious.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to be more sure of yourself. You should pay more attention to what other people are saying. Be resilient.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will be more able to rely on your own efforts. You will need all your perseverance and determination if you want to make progress. Do not treat your children as though they were still infants.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

Make quite sure you do not forget a birthday or anniversary. You should not believe all you hear and you should be able to do someone out to deceive you.

definitely

SNIPPETS

Aquino, Ollie North top newsmakers

WASHINGTON, (UPI)—Marine Lt Col Oliver North and Philippine President Corason Aquino were named male and female newsmakers of the year in a poll of UPI clients.

North received top billing for his role in the Iran-Contra scandal, in which the former White House aide was viewed as a John Wayne-type hero as well as a Rambo-like renegade.

Aquino garnered headlines and support for staving off bloody coup attempts while carefully pushing ahead with democratic reforms in the aftermath of the martial rule of deposed leader Ferdinand Marcos.

Tasaday probe dropped

THE House of Representatives dropped its investigation into the Tasaday controversy to protect the country's ethnic groups and cultural heritage from abuse and exploitation.

The House committee on national cultural communities voted unanimously to end the probe and pass it instead into the scientific community after hearing the testimonies of well-known scientists and anthropologists as well as T'boli and Tasaday tribesmen upholding the authenticity of the Tasadays.

As an offshoot of the three-month investigation, the committee decided to draft a bill to protect the cultural minorities all over the country and punish any person, group or organization that exploits and manipulates them for selfish motives.

The motion to drop the investigation was made by Congresswoman Maria Clara Lobregat of Zamboanga city, who pleaded for an end to the harassment received by the Tasadays and other tribal groups brought about by the Tasaday-hoax story.

Gringo arrest leads to killing

A DEBATE between two soldiers drinking in West Crame, San Juan, over the arrest of rebel leader Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan led to a shooting incident in which one of them was killed.

Constable Second Class Hermie Villadelgado, a member of the Guardian (El Diablo) Brotherhood, died of three bullet wounds in the body at the Camp Crame hospital.

His killer, identified only as Constable Poncejas, surrendered to the PC Military Police company in Camp Crame. His full name was not available as the military refused to release details on the incident.

Villadelgado, Poncejas and three other soldiers were drinking beer when their conversation drifted into the arrest of Honasan in Valde Verde, Pasig.

The two had opposing views on whether Honasan surrendered or was captured. Poncejas allegedly drew his 45 caliber pistol and shot Villadelgado, who was hit in the right hand.

The victim ran home apparently to arm himself but was stopped by two more shots that hit him in the back. He fell on the street unconscious. The three soldiers brought him to the hospital where he died.

PBA basketball

San Miguel close in on title

By Teddyvic Melendres

SAN MIGUEL Beer knew the going would be tough this time with Ricky Relosa around, but it was ready for any eventuality, including a strategy which calls for a sustained fire from the outside.

The Beermen carried the fight from the perimeter as fiercely as the enemy could offer on the way to a hard 113-105 triumph over Hills Bros. Coffee and moved within a win of wrapping up the PBA Reinforced conference title at the Ultra.

Bobby Parks, the tournament's best import, asserted himself against Relosa and Elpidio Villamin as the going got tough midway through the final quarter and Ricky Cui got loose with a pair of triples as San Miguel foiled Hills Bros' last-ditch comeback that had the Coffee Kings breathing down the Beermen's neck, 85-89 from 73-60.

Ginebra San Miguel made everything look like a mismatch of a game in an overpowering 153-109 rout of Shell Azocord to complete a 4-0 sweep in their own battle for third place.

Aquino rapped on human rights issue

By Nimfa Rueda

AN Australian fact-finding team led by a member of parliament said it will ask the Australian government to suspend military aid to the Philippines because of what it described as a "return to the unacceptable human rights situation under the Marcos regime."

"Notwithstanding (the government's) significant moves towards human rights reform there has been a substantial increase in rights abuses since the breakdown of the ceasefire," Dr Andrew Theophanous of the Australian House of Representatives, head of the eight-man team, told a press conference at the end of their one-week fact-

finding mission here.

Theophanous said he believes majority in the House — which ruled the suspension of military aid to the country, in the form of training and equipment, during the height of the anti-Marcos movement in 1985 — will "respond positively" to the recommendation contained in their fact-finding report.

The team members, in a statement released to newsmen at the Quezon City Sports Club, also criticised the government's endorsement of armed vigilante groups. They said they have substantial evidence to prove that these groups are "guilty of serious criminal offences such as murder, torture and the intimidation of the civilian population."

"The President is apparently being misled on this (vigilante) matter," Theophanous said, calling the government's guidelines on vigilante operations as "nonsense." "It (guidelines) will just be ignored," he said.

Assailing the government's policy of total war against insurgents, the team members also recommended that the government resume peace negotiations with the National Democratic Front (NDF) and address the roots of the insurgency problem.

The team members, who include International Commission of Jurists-Australian Section Secretary General David Bittel, also recommended that the Commission of Human Rights be given prosecutory powers "to be more effective."

Senators raise three conditions

Accord likely on Sabah

By Marlen Ronquillo

THE Philippines will drop its claim to the Malaysian state of Sabah provided three conditions are met, according to a bill filed yesterday by 18 senators, more than enough for a majority vote.

The Senate's near-unanimous support for the bill ascertains the abandonment of the 25-year claim even as the Sulu sultanate and its heirs threatened to merge with Sabah unless the government resolves sovereignty and proprietary claims simultaneously.

Merging with Sabah would be the sultanate's "last resort," lawyer Abraham Rasul, representative of the sultanate and its heirs, said when House representatives passed a bill dropping the claim.

Senators said the bill, which deletes provisions of Republic Acts 3046 and 5446 defining Sabah as part of Philippine territory, is based on the follow-

ing conditions:

- The ratification of two treaties on extradition and on amity, cooperation and commercial relations.

- The conclusion of border crossing and border patrol agreements and the signing of accords of fishing, labour and trade.

- The full and satisfactory settlement of the proprietary rights of the heirs of the Sultan of Sulu.

In a photocopied statement sent to reporters at the defense department, the Sulu sultanate said it agreed to subordinate the sultanate's proprietary rights to the Philippines' sovereignty claim in 1962 "out of sheer patriotism."

Rasul said the government must consider alleged support of the Moro National Liberation Front by Malaysia, warning that some MNLF leaders are very much involved in the proprietary claim.

"Things are developing fast in Mindanao and there might be

renewed fighting in the south," Rasul added.

But senators supporting the bill said Malaysia is willing to resolve both claims, quoting Malaysian Foreign Minister Haji Abu Hassan Omar who said Kuala Lumpur "is prepared to consider all avenues for a satisfactory solution of the question."

Senate President Jovito Salonga has been told the representatives of both governments have "initialled" the draft treaties on amity, cooperation and commercial relations and those on border patrol and extradition.

The near unanimous support for the drop Sabah bill does not mean, however, that the measure will be passed soon.

"The bill has to go through intense floor debate. The senators should not look like they are offering a gift to the Malaysian government," said one senator. The bill was calendared under "ordinary business."

Alberto wins top sports award

SAN MIGUEL Beer centre Alberto Guidaben became only the third man in PBA history to win more than a single most valuable player award even as Bobby Parks distinguished himself as the best import in the Reinforced Conference.

Guidaben, who won the award for the first time in 1983, thus joined Ramon Fernandez of Tanduay and William Adornado of Hills Bros. Coffee both three time MVPs, as the only player to have won the prestigious plum at least twice.

The 34-year-old Guidaben, who played for three different teams in the last four years without winning a championship, showed the way in the statistical race with 5196 points and got the nod of his fellow players and the media bloc to bring his total to 8,056 — 1,176 points up on the second running Elpidio Villamin.

And Parks tallied 59 votes, 25 from the players and 34 from the media men, to edge crowd favourite Billy Ray Bates for the best import award.

Bates, leader in the statistical race, could only get 46 votes as he failed to win the coveted title for the second time in four appearances since 1983.

"Masayang-masaya ako, pero mas maganda sana kung mapapanalunan ng team ang championship sa conference na ito (Reinforced)," said Guidaben after the awards ceremonies held last night.

But the biggest winner was Villamin.

Playing in only his seventh season as a pro, the six-foot-four Villamin made it as a forward in the elite mythical five selection and one of five players in the League's best defensive team aside from being voted the year's most improved player.

Guidaben and Villamin are joined in the mythical five by Philip Cesar, Hector Calma and rookie Alan Caidic.

Caidic became only the third rookie in the League's history after Arnie Tuadles and Ricky Brown who made it to the elite selection.

Both Brown and Tuadles themselves are members of this year's second best five that included Fernandez, Joy Carpio and Ricky Relosa.

Those who made it to the best defensive team along with Villamin were Relosa, Cesar, Chito Loyzaga and Melchor Ravanes.

Gringo: capture or surrender?

CERTAIN quarters are attempting to minimise the capture of renegade Army officer Gregorio Honasan. There are those who say the operation was nothing more than a well-organised tableau, a pre-arranged, face-saving scenario that permitted the notorious Gringo to live up to his much-publicised vow of "no surrender."

Then there are others who say that the capture could have been effected much earlier, that the military had dilly-dallied and equivocated throughout the so-called massive manhunt for the right-wing officer and his band of military adventurers.

What all these salpings actually represent are the deep-seated misgivings many Filipinos still have for the armed forces. And for as long as such feelings persist, there will always be those who would seek to interpret the military's achievements along the lines of their own biases. And certainly there are still a great number of so-called bad eggs in the AFP to warrant such prejudices.

But the capture of Honasan was a genuine achievement for which the armed forces fully deserve the commendation of a relieved public. True, Gringo and his companions many have been handled with kid gloves by some of his captors, who as soldiers too should not be blamed for maintaining some admiration for the swashbuckling ex-colonel, no matter how crazy his political views are. In fact, greater should be the praise for those troopers of the National Capital Region Defense Command, because despite how they felt about their mission they accomplished it nonetheless. Isn't that, after all, what "duty" is all about?

In fact, the capture of Honasan should be regarded as significant turning point in the attitude of the military organisation. Once it was thought that the military had power from the bungling civilians in charge of the government. Many soldiers — like other citizens — may still feel distressed by the thought of overly ambitious politicians and incompetent bureaucrats holding the reins of power. But if the operations against Honasan is any



indication it is perhaps safe to say that a growing number of them are now no longer willing to let those personal feelings get in the way of their professional conduct. — Editorial, Manila Bulletin



Sharon projects courage, confidence

By Jackie Y. Regala

SHARON Cuneta was her usual self — charming and witty during the presscon held days before her movie "Walang Karugtong ang Nakaraan" was shown.

"Although 'happiness' wasn't clearly hers that day, the mega-star projected courage and confidence despite the fact that she is currently separated from husband, Gabby Concepcion.

Besieged with the perennial question, "Will there be a reconciliation," Sharon only smiled and said: "I'm not sure but how I wish there is. But there are things you have to do that you don't want to do." The reply left nearly everyone wondering what she exactly meant by that.

She further added: "I was young when I got married and I was blindly in love. Although it didn't work the way it should be, the separation is a most welcome thing. At least, it gave me and Gabby some breathing space. We also talk on the phone now but the centre of our conversation is our daughter, KC."

Speaking fondly of KC (her inspiration and source of joy) Sharon hopes that her daughter doesn't end up marrying early nor entering showbiz. "I prefer that KC develops a very good moral foundation and a normal life," Sharon said.

Sharon doesn't stop Gabby from seeing their daughter whom the latter brings home at their San Juan residence once in a while. She also expressed support for Gabby's campaign for mayor, that is, if her schedule allows it.

"When Gabby invites me, I'll make myself available. Anyway his honour is still mine and our daughter's," she said.

Like any attractive lady, Sharon is being pursued by other men. "I don't think that thing can be avoided, however, I don't bother myself with it. I have so many things to attend to."

When her busy schedule allows her to relax, Sharon prefers to eat and try out new dishes with her mom Elaine, aunts and friends. She also stays home to play with KC or watches beta tapes. "I hardly go to parties or discos. I've always enjoyed privacy whenever possible. I actually find more pleasure in simple things in life," Sharon said.

The budding businesswoman also devotes extra time to her clothes-shop called Krista at Milelong Arcade in Makati.

Until now, Sharon's "Walang Karugtong ang Nakaraan" continues to draw in crowds. This is one movie that she gave her best and played her role to a T.

Come January, Sharon is set to do a concert tour in the key cities of USA — a request that came from her followers abroad. Meanwhile, Sharon said: "Showbiz has given me a lot of happiness and heartaches as well. I know I can't be on top of things forever — but I want people to remember that 'there is a certain girl who came and gave them joy through singing, acting and dancing!'"

So, who's hiding under the bed?

By Glenda Gloria

"O, SINO ngayon ang nagtatago sa ilalim ng kama? (So, who's now hiding under the bed?)" asked President Aquino this week, in apparent reference to reports that Gregorio Honasan, the leader of the Aug 28 coup attempt, did this when his captors arrived at his hideout in plush Valle Verde subdivision.

The President was reported to have cracked the "joke" in Malacanang shortly before the oath-taking of newly-promoted Brig. Gen. Honesto Ileta and Brig. Gen. Raul Aquino.

Ileta later virtually confirmed the report but said: "Naku, wala 'yun. Nagbibiro lang 'yun. (There's nothing there. She was only kidding.)"

Ileta is the chief of the armed forces civil relations service while Aquino is the commander of the 2nd Infantry Brigade of the First Infantry Division in Northern Mindanao.

A newspaper columnist had written shortly after Honasan's mutiny that the President tried to hide under her bed at the height of the putsch that resulted in the death of at least 53 persons and the wounding of around 300 others, one of them the President's only son, Benigno III.

The morning the report came out, a visibly angry Aquino invited journalists to her residence on Arlegui, showed them her bedroom and the bed under which she allegedly hid — covered by a wooden panel on all sides making it impossible for anyone to hide under it. Later in the afternoon, she motored to City Hall to file a libel case



against the columnist who in turn, claimed he used the phrase as a figure of speech. The hurt lingered for some time and the President was to mention this several times in meetings with civilian and military officials — that it was the first time somebody ever insinuated she, the commander-in-chief of the armed forces, was a coward.

It is still unclear whether or not Honasan really hid under a bed when his captors arrived at the condominium where he had scheduled an interview with a foreign correspondent.

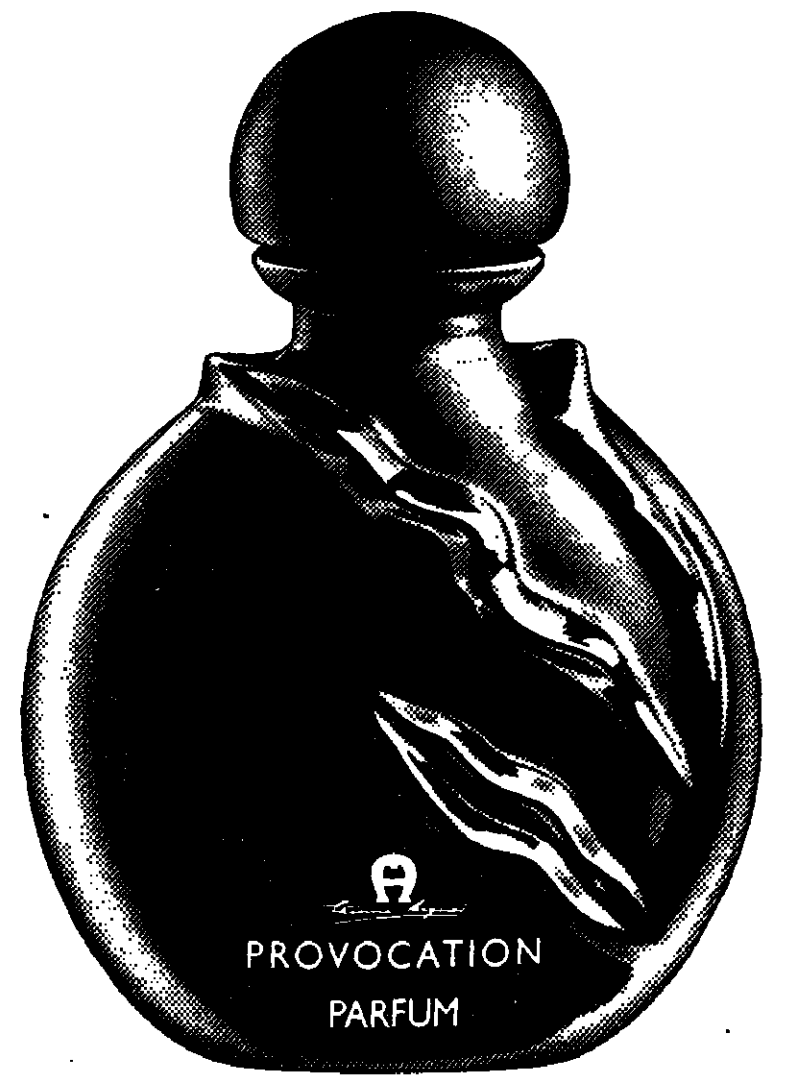
At Malacanang, Col Luis Santos, who led the raiding team that captured Honasan confirmed claims by one of the housemaids

that the coup leader hid under a bed. But Brig. Gen. Ramon Montano, chief of the National Capital Region Defense Command, denied this later.

Montano said Honasan hid inside the bathroom of the maids' quarters. Aquino said she was "overjoyed" by the capture of Honasan and promised the 37 soldiers and government agents who took part in the raid an exclusive party she herself will host at Malacanang.

"I would like to show you how much I appreciate this," she told the soldiers before personally handing over to them presidential letters of citation.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

'G-7 should only meet if it can produce results'

MUNICH, West Germany, Dec 19. (Reuters) A meeting of the Group of Seven (G-7) leading industrial nations would be futile if it cannot produce results, West German Economics Minister Martin Bangemann said today.

"Such a meeting remains futile as long as we have no new decisions to make," Bangemann said in an interview with the West German radio station Bayerische Rundfunk.

An inconclusive meeting would only worsen the turbulence on currency and capital markets, he added.

The G-7 last met in February and pledged to foster currency stability under an agreement dubbed the Louvre accord.

Discussions West German government sources said on Friday G-7 nations had held intensive discussions by telephone in recent days on the possibility of renewing currency and economic accords.

Earlier Reuters quoted government sources in Tokyo as saying the G-7 might issue a statement over the weekend reaffirming currency stability measures in a bid to prevent a further drop in the dollar.

But West German government sources said G-7 discussions had not reached a point of fixing a date for such a statement. Bangemann said in the radio interview that October's stock market crash would not hurt economic growth in the world's leading industrial nations.

He said there were no fears of a recession. West German gross national product (GNP) should grow by more than 1.5 per cent in 1988 and prices should rise by around one per cent.

Greece approves budget aimed at increasing incomes

ATHENS, Dec 19. (Reuters) The Greek parliament has approved the socialist government's 1988 budget aimed at increasing incomes after a two-year austerity programme and boosting defence spending.

Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu said in a speech shortly before the budget was passed by 157 to 122 votes on Friday night that his government would keep public sector expenditure under control and prevent wage rises.

Government spending was forecast to rise by 21.3 per cent to 3,421 billion drachmas (\$27.2 billion) while revenue was to rise 20.3 per cent to 2,464 billion drachmas (\$19.5 billion).

Defence spending would be 353 billion drachmas (\$2.8 billion), representing a 23.3 per cent rise over the previous year's figure.

When introducing the budget in November, Papandreu said workers in the public and private sectors, whose wages had been frozen since the austerity programme came into force in October 1985, would receive a 4.5 per cent rise in January.

But later Papandreu announced that an extra unspecified amount would be paid to workers in January to compensate them for inflation in 1988.

His announcement was made after trade union protests that the 4.5 per cent increase was not enough to match a 1986 inflation rate of 16.9 per cent and a forecast figure of 16.1 per cent in the current year.

National Economy Minister Kostas Simitis, architect of the austerity programme, resigned over the policy change.

It may be bad news for America

Dollar slide boosts US exports

NEW YORK, Dec 19. (AP) A decline in the value of the US dollar, though not as dramatic as often thought is stimulating sales of American-made products by making them cheaper in comparison to foreign goods.

The faster action on the factory floor is good news for corporate shareholders. Ironically, though, it may be bad news for the nation as a whole.

Why bad news? Because overtime and order lags are evidence of a strain on production capacity. They indicate that the United States has partly "de-industrialised" — that is, lost its ability to make what it needs.

Popping up Troublesome shortages of material and labour are popping up across the country, in industries ranging from chemicals to paper to personal computers.

With the dollar down, factories have to work harder to keep up with demand from foreigners, as well as from con-

sumers at home who are buying American products rather than imports.

Shortages mean the economy could be on the verge of overheating, causing a sharp rise in prices that would stifle growth and lead to a recession.

Record Most worrisome, this strain on American industry comes at a time when the United States continues to satisfy much of its consumer demand with a steady diet of imports.

The merchandise trade deficit, the shortfall of what the United States sells to the world, hit a record \$17.6 billion in October.

Right now, American factories are incapable of both increasing exports and replacing imported goods with ones made at home, in order to erase that deficit. They cannot produce enough steel, cars, semiconductors, textiles and televisions to

meet the demand. Some products, such as videocassette recorders, are not made in the United States at all.

Government figures show American factories overall are running at about 82 per cent of capacity as of November, apparently leaving some slack. But in paper and textiles, for example, utilisation rates are feverish 20-year highs, and they are close to their highs in aluminium and chemicals.

Recession If the economy falls into a recession in 1988, the shortages, price rises and delivery lags would ease because of a decline in demand. But that would only postpone the inevitable squeeze on capacity.

Building the need production capacity will require vast expenditures on new plants and equipment. But it is uncertain where the money will come from, given Americans' puny savings rate — 3.5 per cent of personal income,

compared with 17 per cent in Japan — and the amount of capital tied up in financing the federal budget deficit.

It is also unclear where the workers to run the new factories would come from. The "baby bust" generation is entering the labour force and there may not be enough workers to go around.

Unemployed Many of the unemployed or under-employed available for production jobs lack the basic skills to work in a world-class factory, as Japanese automakers have been finding in interviews for jobs in their US plants.

In short, the US economy is structured to be a giant vacuum cleaner for imported products, and a simple decline in the value of the dollar will not change that overnight.

"You're not going to the international marketplace and suddenly have windfalls simply because of a falling dollar," said

Robert Simko, executive director of International Technology Group of Los Altos, California.

The optimistic viewpoint is that American companies became "lean and mean" by closing plants and laying off workers in the early and mid-1980s, when the dollar was overvalued.

Description But "lean and scared" might be a better description in some cases. Cutting capacity was easy, because it usually helped profits, once the pain of write-offs and dismissals was forgotten. The braver thing would be to take a chance on the future by investing huge sums in untested technologies and undeveloped markets, that is Japan's strongpoint, and some critics say it is the biggest US failing.

Some corporate executive make a case for caution, saying they will not risk their shareholders' money with expansion programmes just because business has improved recently.

Basic rules for stock market traders

By Midas

I RECENTLY came across a little booklet called "How the Professionals Time their Buy and Sell Signals," which is published here by AMWAL Co. AMWAL specialises in providing computerised data for all kinds of financial institutions and we hope to use some of their information in the Arab Times in the future. Their booklet was filled with such good advice that I think it's worth reproducing some of it here.

The thing to remember is that less than 25 per cent of all speculators in the markets are successful. Yet some folks seem able to make massive profits even while others are losing their shirts. How do they do it? Some of the rules that successful traders use are familiar to all traders, others may be contrary to common beliefs. "It isn't what set of rules you use, but your discipline that is most important," notes a successful trader.

So if you are investing or trading in stocks and shares here are a few golden rules.

1) Know yourself. You need to control your emotions and be objective so that you can withstand short term pressures in order to maintain your strategy.

2) Start small. Test your ideas and theories by making paper trades before you actually commit your funds to the market. Once you think you know what you want to do, make small bargains until you are confident that you know enough to move into bigger positions.

3) Don't change your mind in the middle of the day. Decide upon a basic course of action, then carry it through without being affected by the ups and downs of the day's trading.

Successful traders say that decisions made during the day on the basis of news item or price shifts are almost always disastrous. Better to decide on your strategy then wait for a favourable moment to put it into operation.

4) Take a break. If you are trading every day the minutiae of the market will inevitably begin to cloud your judgement. Take time off, step back and try to look

at the situation with fresh eyes.

5) Don't follow the crowd. The way to make real profits is to be right when everybody else is wrong. Obviously, this can be overdone, but look for reasons to disagree with the crowd. If those reasons make sense, then act on them.

6) Don't let yourself be influenced by others' opinions. If you have decided on a course of action, stick to it.

7) Don't be afraid to step aside. If you aren't sure what is going to happen, then simply stop trading, liquidate your position and wait to see what is going on.

8) Avoid trading when volume is low since it may be impossible to liquidate your position at such times.

9) Don't throw good money after bad. Regardless of how confident you may feel, resist the temptation to add to a losing position. Cut your losses. When the market is against you, don't be afraid to sell and admit that you were wrong. Hanging on in hopes of a change can be very expensive.

10) Buy the news, sell the fact.

If market rumours are bullish, then buy on the news. As the news turns into reality, sell into the rising market.

11) Always take windfall profits. If you make a profit, take it quickly than you had expected, do not wait and watch to see what will happen next, take the profits. As Getty once said, "Always leave something for the other guy."

Trends 12) Know the price trends. Knowledge is a key factor in any successful investment, once you know the major trends then you can watch for any major breakouts which could signal an important movement in either direction.

I hope the above guidelines will help you to improve your performance. One final piece of advice. No-one can win all the time. You have to accept losses without feeling too bad about them. If you don't, your fear of taking a loss will prevent you from fully exploiting the next good opportunity that comes your way. Learn from your mistakes, but don't be paralysed by them.

Market near the end of a mixed year

NEW YORK, Dec 19. (AP) Thanks to its rally of the past two weeks, the stock market has a good shot at closing out 1987 with a net gain despite the crash in October.

With eight trading days left before New Year's, both the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial and Standard and Poor's composite index of 500 stocks stand above their levels of last Dec 31.

Other, broader market measures that include small stocks remain mostly on the minus side, however.

That raises the ironic prospect that a year marked by both a powerful rally and the severest selloff in modern times might someday be recalled as simply "mixed."

The point may seem academic to anyone who has held stocks or

mutual fund shares through the wrenching swings of the past few months. Still, it helps provide a longer-term perspective on what has happened.

If the S and P 500 finishes the year on the plus side, it would be the index's sixth consecutive annual gain, setting a record that would mark one last achievement for the bull market that evidently expired last summer.

The presumption is that a new bear market, of unknown duration and ferocity, set in as of last August.

Adequate "I do not believe that we have, as yet, adequate grounds to believe the stock market decline is over," John Wright, a Bridgeport, Connecticut-based money manager, said in a speech to analysts in New York this past

week.

After the market works out whatever problems still face it, however, Wright foresees a new advance starting later in 1988 that would carry the market to new highs by 1990.

"Cyclical declines in equities generally do not bottom until the economy is in recession and US consumption is weakening," said Charles Clough, chief investment strategist at Merrill Lynch.

Even if it was enjoying nothing more than a "bear market rally," the stock market put on an upbeat show in the past week.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 108.26 points to 1,975.30, surpassing the previous record weekly jump of 100.30 points the week before.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 7.35 to 139.15; the American

Stock Exchange market value index increased 4.92 to 256.10, and the Nasdaq Composite index for the over-the-counter market jumped 24.34 to 326.91.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 212.90 million shares a day, up from 189.21 million in the previous week.

Recover Many analysts say it is unreasonable to expect confidence to recover quickly after a harrowing experience like the crash in October.

Yet there are some observers who suggest the bear market will prove to be as short as it has been vicious.

Edward Yardeni, economist at Prudential-Bache Securities, professes "unabashed optimism" about prospects for both the economy and the stock market next year.

World Business Summary

BP to press ahead with Britoil takeover bid

LONDON, Dec 19. (Reuters) British Petroleum Co PLC said yesterday was going ahead with a takeover bid for independent North Sea oil company Britoil despite a government announcement that it would resist any attempt to take control of Britoil's board. BP, the world's third largest oil company, said earlier in the day it was offering 450 pence (\$8.20) per share of Britoil, which valued the company at about £2.7 billion (\$4.15 billion). Later, BP, said it had raised its holding in Britoil to 29.9 per cent from 24.9 per cent previously.

Britoil said it was considering the BP offer and was urging its shareholders to take no action on the bid. BP is battling US oil giant Atlantic Richfield (Arco) over Britoil. Arco seeks up to 49.9 per cent of the firm. Following the BP statement, the Treasury said the government would exercise its "golden share" in Britoil — kept when it privatised the company in 1982 — enabling it to veto any board decision it considered unfavourable. "In present circumstances the government intends to use its special share in Britoil to prevent any bidder from gaining control of the Britoil board," it said.

It said if and when a formal offer was made for more than half of Britoil's capital, the company's Articles of Association enabled the government to outvote all other directors on the board.

BP acquired a 14.9 per cent stake in Britoil on December 8 and on Thursday raised its stake to 24.9 per cent.

US spending power expires as talks in Congress bog down

WASHINGTON, Dec 19. (Reuters) The US government technically went broke today, unable to spend money as congressional talks on a massive spending bill bogged down over new funding for Nicaragua rebels. A stopgap law permitting spending expired a stroke after midnight, after House and Senate negotiators deadlocked over a \$600 billion bill that would continue spending authority for most government programmes through September. That record spending measure also would implement an accord to cut the federal budget deficit. "We are at a stalemate of monumental proportions," Senator Daniel Inouye, a Hawaii Democrat and key negotiator, said late last night.

President Reagan yesterday had threatened to veto the bill if it did not contain "adequate" aid for the Nicaraguan rebels, known as Contras. The Senate wants to provide \$9 million in non-military aid and \$6 million to air drop military equipment. The House wants to provide only \$5.5 million in food, shelter and clothing, although they would permit air drops of previously authorised weapons only until December 31.



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Kuwait's overseas investment strategy praised

BONN, Dec 19. (Kuna): Kuwaiti investments in the West German markets had not considerably lost as a result of the recent crisis in world stock markets, according to a banking executive here.

Though profits and interests from Kuwaiti stocks and other financial investments in the Federal Republic are no higher than before the "Black Monday" last October 19, the expert said stocks and bonds owned by Kuwait had been bought at reasonable prices in the past.

The director of economy and commerce in the "Kommersbank," Hans Olbrische Ramm praised, in an exclusive interview with Kuna, Kuwait's "wise and shrewd" foreign investments policy.

He said Kuwait invested a reasonable share of its oil revenues abroad to diversify sources of income, develop its economic base and infrastructure and

help transfer of technology from industrialised countries.

As example, the financial expert cited shares bought by Kuwait in the West German chemical firm Hoechst "which helped to develop the Kuwaiti petrochemical industries sector and the processing of oils since the said German company enjoys an old reputation and experience in this field" he explained.

He also cited Kuwait's acquisition of stakes in such reputed and established German firms as Daimler-Benz Automakers, "Mannes" and "Krupp" iron and steel industry.

Kuwait has walked out of the traditional "dollar" zone and invested in other hard currency areas of the Deutschmark and the Swiss franc, Rama said, adding that the Federal Republic became

one of the principal areas for Kuwaiti investments abroad.

He indicated success of Kuwait's policy of diversifying sources and currencies of its investment portfolios, particularly in respect of the German mark whose exchange rate rose by some 50 per cent against the US dollar.

Asked if other oil-exporting countries had experienced great losses as a result of the crash in world stock prices, the expert pointed out that most of these states had invested in the purchase of bonds at fixed interest rates whose prices started to pick up since last October 19.

Eventually, he said, losses sustained by these countries in world stock markets remain "limited."

The German financial expert advised caution in offering stocks for sale at

present where prices are low and the dollars exchange rate continues to fluctuate in world markets.

In comparison, Rama stated that the Deutschmark appears to be surging as a strong world currency in the years to come according to world economic indications.

A strong German currency will prove "attractive" for foreign investors, the expert said and predicted that stock prices will rebound in the short term of the German market.

He strongly advised a careful study of the various economic sectors before taking the decision of buying new stakes or committing new funds but, nonetheless, tipped the chemical industry as potentially prosperous and continuously advancing despite the recent crash in world stock and financial markets.

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Thai baht	010.90

Ten tolas	497.000
999 kilo bar	4252.000
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Indian Rupee	21.155
Pakistan Rupee	15.735
Sri Lankan Rupee	9.030
Philippine Peso	13.210
US Dollar	274.15
Sterling Pound	501.25
Jordanian Dinar	810.50
Dhow Money Market Fund	60
The Mubarak Fund	60
Golden Investors	60
US Dollar	13.17
US Dollar	13.20
US Dollar	5.40
US Dollar	13.00%
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Kuwait-India Int'l Exchange Co.

Tel 2426994-2427233
2422788-3917353

Indian rupees	21.240
Sri Lankan rupees	09.030
US dollars	273.800
Pound sterling	500.25
UAE dirhams	74.650
Deutsche marks	168.100
Japanese yen	02.165

Indian Exchange Corporation W.L.L.

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Farwaniya 4739685

US dollars	273.880
Sterling	500.250
Swiss francs	208.530
Indian rupees	21.240
Sri Lankan rupees	9.030
Singapore dollars	137.750

Kuwait Western Exchange Co.

Tel 2468165/165167
5741157-5757163

Indian rupees	21.280
Sterling	503.000
US dollars	273.100
Deutsche marks	169.000
Swiss francs	208.000
UAE dirhams	74.400
French francs	50.500
Jordanian dinars	804.500

United Trading Group, Kuwait

Tel 2420115-2420116

US dollars	273.800
Sterling	500.250
Deutsche marks	167.950
Swiss francs	206.850
French francs	49.750
Japanese yen	2160.30
Italian lira	229.450
Dutch guilder	149.250
Canadian dollar	209.800
Belgian francs	8.095
Spanish peseta	2.535
Austrian schilling	25.200
Cyprus pounds	613.800
Singapore dollar	138.100
Hong Kong dollar	36.200
Philippine peso	13.650
Lebanese pound	593.800
Australian dollar	197.200
Indian rupees	21.205
Pakistan rupees	15.745
Sri Lankan rupees	9.080
UAE dirham	74.585
Bahraini dinar	726.500
S. Yemeni riyal	798.000
N. Yemeni riyal	28.850
Saudi riyal	73.500
Qatari riyal	75.310
Omani riyal	711.550

International Financial Line Co. Kuwait

Tel 2468456/9

US dollars	273.750
Sterling	500.300
Swiss francs	207.000
Deutsche marks	167.950
French francs	49.600
Italian lira	0002.285
UAE dirhams	074.550
Pakistan rupees	015.710
Indian rupees	021.160
Saudi riyal	073.050
Lebanese pound	000.590
Japanese yen	002.165
Dutch guilder	149.200
Belgian francs	008.030
Bahraini dinar	727.000
Jordanian dinar	810.000
Hong Kong dollar	353.300
Spanish pesetas	002.480
Bangladesh taka	008.350
Thai baht	010.950
Sri Lankan rupees	008.960
Philippine peso	013.300
Cyprus pounds	615.000
Singapore dollars	137.100
S. Yemeni dinar	798.150

Gold

One kilo	4265.000
Ten tola bar	500.000
5 grams	22.100
10 grams	43.600
20 grams	86.500
50 grams	215.000
100 grams	428.800
1 oz.	134.000

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3	3-1/16
3 months	4 1/2	5-1/16
6 months	5-1/4	5 3/4
1 year	5-1/2	6

Sentence 'a good bargain'

Boesky gets 3-year prison term

NEW YORK, Dec 19. (Reuters): Once powerful financier Ivan Boesky was sentenced to three years in jail yesterday, with a judge sternly warning Wall Street that insider trading would be punished severely. Even in defeat, Boesky drove a good bargain. Wall Street brokers said yesterday.

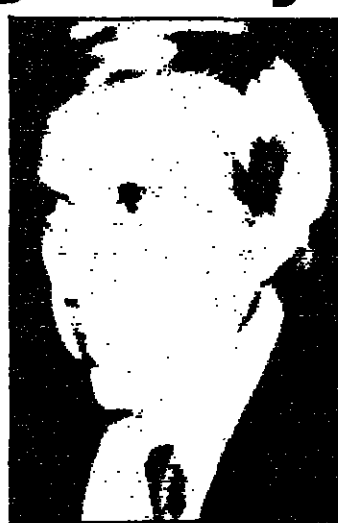
Boesky, 50, stood with shoulders hunched as federal judge Morris Lasker told him: "The signal must go out, loud and clear... criminal behaviour such as (yours) cannot go unchecked." In pleading that Boesky not be sent to jail, lawyer Leon Silverman sent a chill through Wall Street, revealing that his client had given authorities information about violations by five major brokerages and 14 individuals.

Unacceptable But Lasker said: "The time has come when it is totally unacceptable for courts to act as if prison is unthinkable for white collar defendants but a matter of routine in other cases."

Boesky whispered a response to his sentencing, but it could not be fully heard in the packed courtroom. People sitting close to him said he referred to the feelings of the shame that he felt.

The judge said the man Wall Street once admiringly called "Ivan the Terrible" was now, "humiliated, vilified and cut down to size."

The Boesky sentencing closed



Ivan Boesky

one chapter in Wall Street biggest insider trading scandal, but appeared to have opened others.

Silverman said the financier had told authorities of violations they had not previously known about by five major brokerage houses and 14 individuals.

He gave no details on the violations and named no names. Officials declined comment on Silverman's claim.

Boesky faced a maximum penalty of five years in jail and a \$250,000 fine for conspiring to make false statements to the government.

He has already agreed to pay \$100 million to settle civil charges brought by the Securities and

Exchange Commission (Sec. Lasker did not impose a fine. Silverman said Boesky did not deserve more than two years in prison."

Uncovered Rudolph Giuliani, whose office uncovered the insider trading scandal, called the sentence "much heavier than that given to the vast number of people convicted in federal court. It was well deserved and well balanced."

"Now we have established a general rule if you are convicted of insider trading, you will go to prison," he added at a news conference.

Giuliani declined comment on Silverman's assertion that Boesky had disclosed wrongdoing by five major securities firms, but said investigations were continuing.

Cooperation Silverman said Boesky's cooperation had yielded "strange dividends" and strengthened the case against others. But he said the irony of the case was that his cooperation "has fuelled public hatred for Boesky."

Lasker could have sentenced Boesky to five years in jail but gave him only three because of the financier's extensive cooperation with federal authorities.

"Some kind of message must be sent to the business community," he said.

"Through the press and the media the public has come to regard these proceedings as the ultimate representation of the insider trading scandal because of the scope of the offences involved and the celebrity or notoriety of the defendant," he added.

Scheme Boesky was a key figure in the insider trading scheme that began unravelling with the arrest of Dennis Levine, a merger specialist at the Drexel Burnham Lambert Investment Bank.

Levine, who turned in Boesky, is serving a two-year sentence for his role in the scheme.

Although a defendant's cooperation with the government usually ends with his sentencing, prosecutors said Boesky will continue to help with their probe of insider trading.

A dozen Wall Street figures have been charged so far in the insider trading scandal.

Boesky's activities first came to light in November 1986 when the SEC announced that he had agreed to pay the \$100 million to settle civil insider trading charges.

Charges At that time it was also disclosed he had agreed to plead guilty to one criminal charge.

Under federal law, the SEC can file civil charges for wrongdoing on Wall Street, while any criminal charges are filed by the Justice Department.

Pennzoil and Texaco settle dispute

NEW YORK, Dec 19. (Reuters): Pennzoil and Texaco said today that they had reached an agreement under which Texaco will pay Pennzoil \$3 billion to settle their \$10.3 billion legal battle over the takeover of Getty Oil.

A Pennzoil spokesman said the company signed the agreement some time after midnight. A Texaco attorney said company officials signed the document later in the morning, finalising the accord.

The settlement, the biggest in history, will end a four-year legal battle which began when both oil companies tried to acquire the Getty Oil Co.

A Texas jury ruled in November 1985 that Texaco had illegally interfered with a tentative agreement for Pennzoil to purchase a stake in Getty.

It awarded Pennzoil \$10.3 billion. An appeals court reduced the amount by \$2 billion, but with interest, the judgement is now worth \$10.3 billion.

Texaco filed for bankruptcy

after a court ruled that it must post a bond equal to the size of the judgement plus interest.

Talks

Sources close to the talks said the settlement was reached after representatives of Texaco's shareholders and creditors — which must approve any final settlement — backed off on certain key demands that Texaco had considered unacceptable.

They said these involved the tax implications of Texaco's payment and differences over whether interest should be paid in addition to the \$3 billion.

The Pennzoil-Texaco dispute began on January 3, 1984, when Pennzoil's board endorsed a memorandum of agreement to buy 43 per cent of Getty Oil for \$3 billion, an agreement Pennzoil said was a binding contract.

Two days later, Texaco's board agreed to pursue its own takeover of Getty after Texaco chairman Alfred Deane was told by a Getty investment banker that papers for its merger with Pennzoil had not yet been signed.

By January 9, 1984, Getty's board agreed to accept Texaco's offer. A month later, Pennzoil sued Texaco in Houston for interfering with its pact to buy Getty.

In November 1985 a Texas jury ruled in favour of Pennzoil with the largest damage award in history, \$10.3 billion plus interest. Texaco's net worth at the time was \$13.5 billion.

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BANK SECTOR P.CLS LT HIGH LOW VOL TRADE

NATIONAL BANK 0.990 1.000 1.010 1.000 715000 38

GULF BANK 0.400 0.405 0.405 0.400 350000 15

COMMERCIAL BK 0.280 0.280 0.280 0.275 138000 28

AHLI BANK 0.370 0.375 0.375 0.370 150000 5

B.K.M.E. 0.280 0.280 0.280 0.280 30000 2

K.R.E.B. 0.435 0.445 0.445 0.440 30000 2

BURJAN BANK 0.285 0.290 0.290 0.285 65000 30

K.F.HOUSE 0.510 0.510 0.520 0.500 165000 83

INVESTMENT SECTOR

KUT INV. CO. 0.210 0.214 0.214 0.214 20000 1

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K.I.I.C. 0.174 0.174 0.174 0.174 10000 1

COM.FACILITIES 0.385 0.400 0.400 0.390 140000 7

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T.F.A. 0.126 0.126 0.126 0.126 10000 1

INV. PEARL KUT 0.120 0.120 0.120 0.120 10000 1

INSURANCE SECTOR

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GULF INSURANCE 0.370 0.380 0.380 0.380 10000 1

AHLIA INS. CO. 0.540 0.570 0.570 0.570 10000 1

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KUT R.E.S.T. CO. 0.280 0.285 0.285 0.285 10000 1

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NAT IND. CO. 0.520 0.540 0.540 0.540 10000 1

KUT H.P. IND. 0.265 0.280 0.280 0.280 18984 1

KUT CEMENT CO. 0.242 0.248 0.248 0.248 20000 1

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SERVICES SECTOR

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K.H.O. CO. 0.198 0.198 0.198 0.198 10000 1

KUT HOTELS CO. 0.168 0.168 0.168 0.168 10000 1

P.WAREHOUSING 0.200 0.196 0.196 0.196 80000 3

COM.WKT.CMPX. 0.019 0.019 0.019 0.019 10000 1

MOBILE TELE. 0.390 0.390 0.390 0.385 20000 8

KUT COMPUTER 0.194 0.196 0.196 0.196 100000 5

FOOD SECTOR

LIVESTOCK T.T. 0.250 0.250 0.255 0.250 330000 7

UNTD FISHERIES 0.142 0.142 0.142 0.142 10000 1

UNTD POULTRY 0.248 0.248 0.248 0.248 10000 1

KUT FOODS 0.290 0.295 0.295 0.290 90000 4

AGRI. FOOD PRO. 0.150 0.150 0.150 0.150 10000 1

NON-KUT SECTOR

B.H.M. INTER. BK 0.073 0.072 0.072 0.072 800000 8

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Chris Evert

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec 19 (AP): Two-time champion Chris Evert has decided to try to resurrect her ailing tennis career in the \$1.9 million Australian Open championship at the New National Tennis Centre next month.

WBA crown

CARTAGENA, Colombia, Dec 19 (Reuters): Colombia's Fidel Bassa kept his world WBA flyweight boxing crown with an easy points victory over the Dominican Republic's Felix Marti over 12 rounds last night.

Italian League

MILAN, Dec 19 (Reuters): The Italian League yesterday upheld a decision to reverse a win by First Division club Juventus last month because of a firework incident.

Monaco win

MONACO, Dec 19 (Reuters): Monaco ensured they remained on top of the French Soccer Championship after their final match before the winter break when they beat Paris St Germain 2-1 yesterday.

Rising star

KRANSKA GORA, Yugoslavia, Dec 19 (AP): Austria's rising star Helmut Mayer today won his first World Cup victory ever in a giant slalom marred by dropouts of several favourites, including Italy's new star Alberto Tomba.

World records

ANTALYA, Turkey, Dec 19 (Reuters): Turkish weightlifter Naim Suleymanoglu, who defeated Bulgaria a year ago, broke three world records in the 60-kilo class today at the Anatolian news agency said.

Cup slalom

PIANCAVALLO, Italy, Dec 19 (AP): West Germany's Christa Kinshofer ended an eight-year drought today by capturing a women's World Cup slalom in this northern Italian resort.

Ski race

DAVOS, Switzerland, Dec 19 (AP): Gunde Svann of Sweden pushed through driving rain and soft snow to win a 15-kilometre men's cross country ski race today and take the lead in the season's World Cup standings after three events.

Team golf

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica, Dec 19 (Reuters): Americans Butch Baird and Chris Johnson carded seven birdies toward a one-stroke lead after the first round of the \$50,000 Sandy Bay Championship team golf tournament yesterday.

Top boxer

MEXICO CITY, Dec 19 (Reuters): The World Boxing Council (WBC) yesterday named Canadian Don Lalonde its December Boxer of the Month for having conquered the light heavyweight title against American Eddie Davis on November 27.

\$10 million offer

NEW YORK, Dec 19 (Reuters): Pitcher Dave Righetti rejected late on Thursday a \$10 million offer from the Tokyo Giants that would have made him the highest player in team sports history.

America's Cup

LONDON, Dec 19 (Reuters): The head of Britain's bid for the America's Cup, Peter de Savary, confirmed yesterday there was full backing for a challenge series despite what he described as 'deliberate misinformation' from the trophy holders.

Indoor hockey

BAD NEUENAU, West Germany, Dec 19 (Reuters): West Germany, favourites to retain the title they have held for more than a decade, trounced France 8-1 in the opening match of the women's European Indoor Hockey Championship yesterday.

15 COUNTRIES TAKING PART

Asian Boxing Championship opens

By Nader Ahmed

THE 13th Asian Boxing Championship opened in Kuwait yesterday under the patronage of Sheikh Jaber Al Ali Al Sabah, who deputised the chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, to attend the event on his behalf.

The championship, which is being held at the Kuwait Handball Federation Hall in Dubeiya, will continue until Dec 24.

Included

The opening ceremony was attended by a large number of officials which included the president of the Kuwait Boxing Federation — Sheikh Mubarak Jaber Al Ali, the president of the International Boxing Federation — Anwar Choudhry, the secretary-general of the International Boxing Federation — Karl Hans and the ambassadors of Pakistan, Indonesia, South Korea, China, Iraq and Thailand.

The ceremony began with the playing of the national anthem followed by a march past of the



Teams lined up at the opening ceremony.

participating teams and the opening address by the organising committee.

In his speech, Sheikh Mubarak welcomed the participants and wished them success. Anwar Choudhry praised the organising committee for their efforts.

The championship was then declared open by Sheikh Fahd. This was followed by folk dances

by school students.

After the opening ceremony Sheikh Fahd thanked Sheikh Jaber Al Ali for patronising such important events. He said that such sports events reflect the re-emergence of Kuwait's sports movement. He also praised the Kuwait Boxing Federation for the preparations they made for the championship.

A total of fifteen countries are



Students perform a folk dance.

taking part in the championship and the draw for the events was held in the presence of all their representatives last night. The draw was held under the supervision of the Asian Federation.

The countries taking part are: Mongolia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, South Korea, Japan, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Oman, China and Kuwait.

Representatives of Bangladesh and Lebanon had not arrived in Kuwait until late in the night.

It has been decided that a total of 88 bouts would be held. 18 bouts each were scheduled for yesterday and today, 20 each will be held on the third and fourth days. Wednesday is a rest day and 12 bouts will be held on the last day — Thursday.

Arsenal hold Everton to draw

Liverpool equal 38-year-old record

LONDON, Dec 19 (Reuters): Runaway English First Division leaders Liverpool equalled a 38-year-old club record today when they stretched their unbeaten run to 19 matches with a 1-0 home win over Sheffield Wednesday.

Gary Gillespie's 76th minute goal earned Liverpool their 14th win of the current campaign. The 1949-50 side began with 10 wins and nine draws.

Reduced

With second-placed Arsenal scrambling a 1-1 draw at home to defending champions Everton in the top match of a First Division programme reduced to only five matches because of Christmas shopping, Liverpool galloped seven points clear at the top.

They have 47 points, ahead of Arsenal on 40, Nottingham Forest, comfortable 2-0 winners at Oxford, on 37, and Manchester United on 35.

Central defender Steve Bruce had a winning start to his career at Old Trafford. Signed from Norwich for £825,000 (\$1.5 million) on Thursday, Bruce impressed at the back as United won 2-1 at Portsmouth.

Kenyan wins international team race

CARDIFF, Dec 19 (Reuters): World 10,000 metres champion Paul Kipkoech, the latest in a long line of great Kenyan athletes, demolished a star-studded cross country field in an international team race over eight-km today.

Among his victims was World Cross Country champion and compatriot John Ngugi. The pair had fought out a desperately close finish in Warsaw in March, Ngugi just prevailing.

But today Kipkoech was in a class on his own, coming home 18 seconds clear of Britain's Dave Clarke with Ngugi in fourth, another 11 seconds away.

A poor start and a recent knee operation did not help Ngugi but there was no denying the authority of Kipkoech's success.

England, who filled four of the top six places, won the team title with 10 points, three clear of Kenya.

Merdeka soccer

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 19 (KUNA): Czechoslovakia last night emerged champions in Malaysia's 31st Merdeka soccer tournament after a thrilling 3-2 win over South Korea at the Merdeka stadium here.

Both teams stepped off the field, battle-weary after 90 minutes of non-stop action.

England captain Bryan Robson gave United the lead in the 35th minute and a goal by Brian McClair early in the second half — his 14th of the season — sealed Portsmouth's fate.

Sheffield Wednesday, like Portsmouth struggling to climb away from the basement of the First Division, defended heroically against Liverpool until Gillespie broke the deadlock.

The Scottish international defender sidefooted the ball beyond goalkeeper Steve Hodge after Ray Houghton had headed on a John Barnes corner.

Arsenal, with only one win in their last five games, needed a controversial goal by David Rocastle 10 minutes from time to prevent Everton from recording their third successive win at Highbury.

Everton manager Colin Harvey leapt from his touchline seat to help captain Peter Reid keep a possee of furious Everton players away from referee Ken Redfeather and linesman Brian Hawes.

Rocastle had looked metres

offside as he ran clear and unchanged to score and cancel out a 41st minute strike by England defender Dave Watson.

Forest shrugged off the disappointment of a first-half penalty miss by Nigel Clough, son of manager Brian Clough, to give Oxford a footballing lesson at the Manor ground.

With England international Neil Webb in inspirational form in midfield, they swept to victory with second-half goals by Brian Rice and Calvin Plummer.

Results

English Division One

Arsenal	1	Everton	1
Liverpool	1	Sheffield Wed	0
Oxford	0	Notts Forest	2
Portsmouth	1	Manchester U	2
West Ham	2	Newcastle	1

English Division Two

Barnsley	4	Millwall	1
Blackburn	2	Birmingham	0
Bournemouth	0	Middlesbrough	0
Hull	2	Crystal P	1
Leeds	3	Huddersfield	1
Manchester C	1	Oldham	2
Stoke	4	Reading	2

English Division Three

Blackpool	1	Southend	1
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Bristol R	1	Brighton	2
Doncaster R	1	Bristol C	3
Fulham	1	Chesterfield	3
Notts County	4	Preston	1
Wigan A	2	Northampton	1

English Division Four

Bolton Wand	2	Wrexham	0
Cardiff C	2	Burnley	1
Darlington	2	Swansea C	0
Hertford U	4	Hartlepool U	2
Rochevale	3	Newport	0
Stockport C	1	Scarborough	2
Wolves	2	Leyton O	0

Scottish Premier Division

Celtic	0	Aberdeen	0
Dundee	0	Hearts	0
Dunfermline	1	Morton	1
Hibernian	0	Falkirk	0
Motherwell	1	Rangers	2
St Mirren	0	Dundee U	1

Scottish Division One

Airdrie	0	Clyde	2
Clydebank	1	Kilmarnock	0
Forfar A	1	East Fife	1
Partick T	1	Dumbarton	3
Queen of S	0	Hamilton	0
Raith Rovers	4	Meadowbank	0

Scottish Division Two

Ayr United	3	Cowdenbeath	1
East Stirling	3	Alloa	1
Queens Park	2	Brechin C	0
Stenhousemuir	1	Berwick R	2
Stirling A	1	Albion R	1
Stranraer	1	St Johnstone	2

Lamb shatters records in S. Africa

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Dec 19 (Reuters): England cricketer Allan Lamb shattered two South African records in a provincial cricket match today when he scored a sparkling 294 that earned him a total of 115,000 rand (\$57,000).

Playing for Orange Free State against Eastern Province in a Currie Cup match, Lamb helped to put on 355 in a fifth wicket partnership with captain Joubert Strydom, smashing the South

African fifth wicket record of 338 scored by Graeme Pollock and Lorrie Wilmot in the 1975-76 season.

The pair will share 165,000 rand (\$82,500) put up by the local sponsors.

Native

Lamb, an outstanding success for England in the World Cup, returned to his native South Africa last month after being left out of the tours of Pakistan, Australia and New Zealand.

He went on to break Rhodesian Ray Gripper's individual record of 279 in the 1967-68 South African season, earning a further 50,000 rand (\$25,000) and picked up another 15,000 rand (\$7,500) for scoring a double century.

The pair scored Orange Free State to a score of 517 for eight declared at the end of their first innings in the third day's play in reply to Eastern Province's first innings of 268 for seven declared.

Al Mousawi looks back at Middle East Championship season

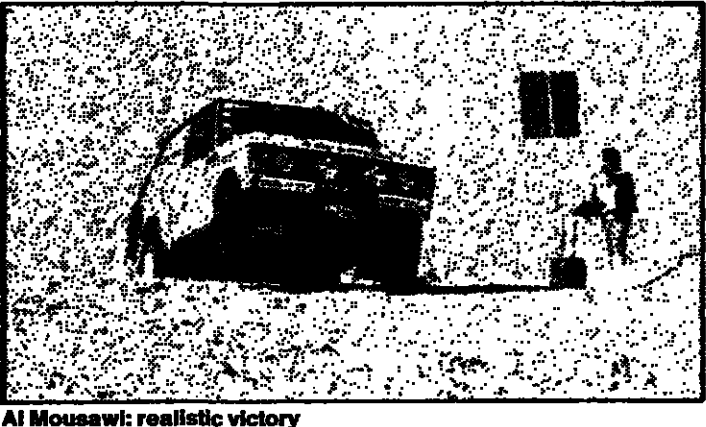
By Gail Seery

ABBAS Al Mousawi, winner of the BP Bahrain 4X4 rally on Friday has always been highly regarded as a driver. Yet his career has been fraught with disappointment, and he has never before won an international event.

In an exclusive interview with the Arab Times, the talented Qatari driver looked back at his Middle East Championship season. "The only rally I finished was Kuwait," he said. "Even there I had a broken axle arm which forced me back in the results." He didn't enter the Oman rally, but in Jordan, and Dubai he had engine problems, and in Qatar he also failed to finish. This is totally out of character for Mousawi, who inevitably does well in local events.

Doubtful He praised the spirit of the Marlboro Desert Challenge warmly. "What happened was that I was driving virtually the same car as the others, and we had a realistic victory for once." Just to rub it in, Al Mousawi was considered a doubtful starter, and only arrived in Bahrain on Wednesday night, with co-driver Mubarak Al Hajri. The Merch sponsored team put in only one day of practice before the rally, but were confident throughout, supported by a large team of Qatari friends, including Jaber Al Marri, who had originally hoped to enter the event, and Saeed Al Hajri.

Now he hopes to enter the Jordan event which ends the Marlboro Desert Challenge series, and which takes place on 30th December. "It depends on whether I can get the car again," he said. The car was lent to him by Sheikh Mansur, and was the one lent to Tareq Al Wazzan for



Al Mousawi: realistic victory



Matter: trying to take off

the Dubai International.

Arab Times/Marlboro sponsored driver Tareq Al Wazzan said that he was disappointed not to have won. "If I hadn't had that problem on stage three I would certainly have won the event," he said. Co-driver Khaled Khalifa agreed: "Tareq drove very well," he said. I liked it, and found it interesting." The pair, in their relatively low powered BP/ Denim sponsored Daihatsu Rocky find themselves in the hitherto unlikely position of being strong contenders to win the Challenge. "We had excellent service and support from Daihatsu in Bahrain,"

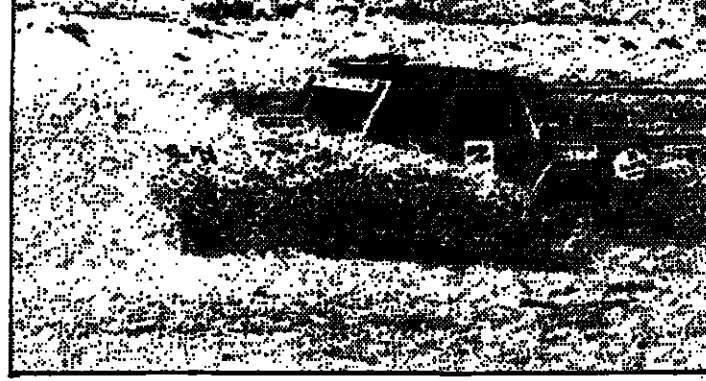
commented Alyan. As the Marlboro Desert Challenge points now stand, 6 Kuwaitis are in the top eight positions. This is a welcome return to the International Rally scene for Kuwait, and will hopefully continue next year.

Opportunity

One of the unlikely contenders for the event was a 450bhp Lamborghini jeep. Samir Kaaki, of Saudi Arabia had never driven a rally before, but has dreams of perhaps entering the Pharoahs rally, or the Paris Dakar rally in the future. He brought Mamdouh Khayat, an ex-Middle East



Al Wazzan: high speed driving



Lamborghini Cheetah: unlikely contender

Group A Champion, with him as co-driver.

Khayat told the Arab Times that he had never sat in the co-driver's seat before. "He's not a co-driver," interrupted Kaaki. "He's more of a teacher."

So, Khayat was pleased with his pupil's progress. "He really is learning very fast," he said. Kaaki produced one of the fastest stage times, but otherwise the heavy jeep didn't seem to give him too much advantage. However the result was splendid for a novice driver, and he has now decided to go on to the Jordan event.

Asked why he chose to enter

England face one last battle with Qadir

KARACHI, Dec 19 (Reuters): England skipper Mike Gatting, resigned to defeat in the strifetorn series against Pakistan, faces one more major hurdle when the final Test continues tomorrow.

One down in the three-match series, Gatting sees a draw as the most likely prospect — unless the bowler he describes as "the man with the golden gun" weaves another magic spell over England's batsmen.

Haul

The killer is Abdul Qadir, the spinner who already has a series haul of 25 wickets at a cost of just 13.56 runs apiece.

But it was also Qadir the batsman who yesterday stymied England's hopes of a face-saving victory after they had looked poised for a healthy first innings lead.

Qadir, batting at number nine, lashed four sixes and six fours in a Test career best 61 to take Pakistan to 345 for eight in reply to England's first innings 294 — a lead of 51.

"A draw is the only result I can see unless something dramatic happens," said Gatting during today's rest day.

"It's a goodish pitch to bat on if you get in, as tail-enders on both sides have already shown."

Qadir has taunted and teased England throughout the one-day World Cup tournament and the current Test series and sometime on Monday will test them for a final time. Another spell of wizardry from the man who took five wickets in the first innings fending off a second defeat in the final two days.

"Abdul is the man with the golden gun as far as this series is concerned," admitted Gatting, who has vowed never to play here again following the bitter controversy over umpiring which threatened to cause the tour to be called off.

Earlier this month examining magistrate Elizabeth Amaya ordered Yvinec, who arrived in Colombia on November 2, to remain in the country while she investigated the complaint.

But Brest club sources said Yvinec flew off in a private plane, eventually reaching Caracas where he joined Cabanas, the player's fiancée and his interpreter.

The sources said they had flown on a regular Venezuelan Viasa airline flight to Santiago de Compostela in north-western Spain, meeting Yvinec's wife and Brest vice-president Jacques Baguenard before flying on to Brest in a private plane.

Yvinec declined to give immediate details of how he left Colombia but said it had been a "parody of justice" there. "The judge wanted to keep me as a hostage. It was an abuse of power," he told reporters. "But I am ready to reply to an eventual summons by the Colombian authorities."

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Qadir: 'the man with the golden gun'

But before England face that problem they have to end Pakistan's first innings and the stoical resistance of Aamir Malik.

Playing in only his second Test, Aamir was just nine runs from the goal of a maiden century when play ended yesterday.

He played a dominant match-saving role as Pakistan recovered from 146 for six to move from threatened defeat into a possible match-winning position.

Aamir showed remarkable confidence in steering Pakistan to safety, first in a partnership of 76 with Wasim Akram, who made 37, and then another of 94 with Qadir.

Pakistan are handicapped by a strained groin which will prevent paceman Wasim from bowling, but that will give little comfort to battle-weary England as they face one final joust with Qadir.

Kasparov retains crown

SEVILLE, Spain, Dec 19 (UPI): Chess champion Garry Kasparov stepped back from the edge of defeat today to retain the world chess crown in a dramatic final game against challenger Anatoly Karpov.

Kasparov's win in the last of the 24 games in the World Chess Championship evened the score at 12-12 but, as defender, he remains champion for the next three years.

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lead with a score of 12-11. With the final tied score, the two rivals will split the prize money of Swiss francs 2.86 million (\$2.17 million). A victory on points would have given the winner Swiss francs 1.79 (\$1.35 million).

"Any move now is only a last gasp before the inevitable," said Spanish grandmaster Ricardo Calvo, commenting on the tense final moments of the decisive game.

Analysts said the game, the last in the tournament which has been dubbed the "ten week war," was one of the most dramatic in the history of chess.

The game resumed Friday night after play was adjourned Friday night in the 42nd move with a one-pawn advantage and a slight positional edge for Kasparov.

Chess fever has gripped the southern city of Seville since the challenger forged ahead in the penultimate game.

Seats at the sumptuous Lope de Vega theatre, the playing hall of the tournament, were sold out

such an expensive vehicle in the contest, Kaaki replied. "I happened to have one — four in fact, which I use for hunting. I thought it would be a good opportunity to test some new shock absorbers," he said. The jeep was not only the most expensive and most powerful vehicle, but also the most luxurious, with seats that wouldn't have been out of place in a top of the market car. The team also travelled in style. They took the entire 12th floor of the Gulf Hotel, and flew in a team of mechanics from the Lamborghini factory in Italy.

An "anonymous" donor presented a \$2000 prize to the winner of the Bahrain event; it was a truly magnanimous gesture from a new entrant whose enthusiasm for his new found sport was thoroughly charming. Saeed Al Hajri said that he was impressed with the Challenge, and confessed to being disappointed at not being allowed to enter. His new English and Arabic magazine, Al Syara, awarded a further prize to Al Mousawi — a trip to the Acropolis Rally as spectators.

Marlboro Desert Challenge points, after two rounds:

1. Ahmed Al Hilal - Kuwait - Mitsubishi Pajero 36 points

2. Tareq Alyan - Kuwait - Daihatsu Rocky 31 points

3. Eid Falah - Kuwait - Range Rover 29 points

4. Abbas Al Mousawi - Qatar - Range Rover 22 points

5. Tareq Al Wazzan - Kuwait - Range Rover 20 points

6. Ibrahim Matter - Bahrain - Mitsubishi Pajero 16 points

7. Awad Al Wadani - Kuwait - Isuzu Trooper 16 points

8. Mohd Al Hussein - Kuwait - Toyota Land Cruiser 11 points

9. Samir Kaaki - Saudi - Lamborghini Cheetah 10 points

10. K. Ramadan - Bahrain - International Scout 8 points

FOR SALE

Car Buick Le-Sabre
Model — 1984 —
Automatic
Colour, blue metallic —

SPORTS

Taylor and Cruse hold up New Zealand

DEVONPORT, Tasmania, Dec 19. (Reuters): Defiant batting by Mick Taylor and Bruce Cruse rescued Tasmania on the second day of their four-day match against New Zealand today.

They put on 72 in 78 minutes in an unbroken fifth wicket stand to take Tasmania to 170 for four at the close in reply to New Zealand's first innings 410 for seven declared.

Taylor was undefeated on 55 and Cruse 32.

They came together after Tasmania had slumped to 98 for four with left-arm spinner Evan Gray taking the wickets of Test opener David Boon for 44 and Danny Buckingham for five.

Earlier Ian Smith, unbeaten on 30 overnight, took his score to 62 before he was bowled as New Zealand added a further 83 runs before declaring.

The visitors suffered one setback when tailender Danny Morrison retired hurt after being struck in the mouth by a sharply rising ball from Tim Bower.

But Morrison had recovered sufficiently to take the new ball when Tasmania began their innings.

Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND first innings

(overnight 327 for six)

J. Wright c Cooley b Faulkner 32

P. Horne c Soule b Faulkner 125

A. Jones c Soule b Faulkner 14

K. Rutherford c Soule b Cruse 34

J. Crowe run out 36

D. Patel c Soule b Hughes 29

E. Gray not out 24

I. Smith b Bower 62

R. Morrison ret. hurt 27

W. Watson not out 22

Extras (lb-12 nb-10) 77

Total (for seven wickets declared) 410

Wicketfalls: 1-61 2-79 3-170 4-248

5-269 6-293 7-370

Bowling: Cooley 26-4-96-0 (10 nb),

Bower 31-4-98-1, Faulkner 33-11-77-3,

Cruse 17-1-68-1, Hughes 14-2-59-1.

TASMANIA first innings

D. Boon lbw b Gray 44

N. Jelich c Wright b Chatfield 0

G. Hughes c Wright b Watson 27

M. Taylor run out 55

D. Buckingham b Gray 55

B. Cruse not out 32

Extras (lb-3 nb-4) 170

Total (for four wickets) 77

Wicketfalls: 1-82-65 3-84-4-98

Bowling: Morrison 11-0-46-0,

Chatfield 18-7-35-1, Watson 12-1-46-1

(4 nb), Gray 15-7-28-2, Patel 4-0-12-0.

Sheffield Shield

SYDNEY, Dec 19. (Reuters): Scores on the second day of the two four-day Sheffield Shield cricket matches today:

In Sydney: New South Wales 438 for nine declared (Steve Waugh 170, Mark Waugh 114 not out, Tony Dodemaide five for 114), Victoria 88 for four (Michael Whitney three for 41).

In Brisbane: Western Australia 217; Queensland 318 (Robbie Kerr 102, Ian Botham 53, Chris Matthews three for 69, Terry Alderman three for 70).

DOUBLES DEFEAT SEALS INDIA'S FATE

Sweden score 4th Davis Cup triumph



Wilander in action against Ramesh on Friday. (Reuters radiophoto)

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Dec 19. (Reuters): Sweden reinforced their status as the most powerful force in men's tennis by regaining the Davis Cup today. It was the fourth time they had won the trophy.

Having captured both opening singles against India yesterday for the total loss of just 15 games, the Swedes ended any lingering hopes of an Indian fairytale recovery when Joakim Nystrom and Mats Wilander beat Anand and Vijay Amritraj 6-2 3-6 6-1 6-2.

Pressed
The Nystrom-Wilander combination, the 1986 Wimbledon champions, were pressed into action when Stefan Edberg had to pull out of the doubles partnership with Anders Jarryd because of an ankle injury.

Wilander had crushed Indian number one Ramesh Krishnan 6-4 6-1 6-3 in the opening singles and Sweden had entered the second day of the 76th Davis Cup final with a 2-0 lead after Jarryd routed Vijay Amritraj 6-3 6-3 6-1 last night.

The one hour 55 minute doubles followed a predictably similar pattern as the two singles with the Amritraj brothers, combined age 69, supplying the tennis artistry and the Swedes, combined age 47, supplying most of the winners.

Anand Amritraj, in particular, appeared out of his depth at times and he discovered the world of tennis has changed dramatically since he was a regular competitor on the circuit in the 1970s.

Semi-retired for the past two years, Anand Amritraj's last recorded computer ranking in 1985 was 792nd, his powers have waned since then.

The older of the two brothers at 35, his gentle-paced serve is not a tennis weapon in the recognised sense, merely a way of starting each rally.

Nystrom and Wilander, who possess two of the finest service returns in the modern game, treated the Indian's serve with complete disdain and broke him twice in the first set which they raced through in 29 minutes.

Wilander and Nystrom, whose only previous doubles match in a Davis Cup final was in 1985 when Sweden beat West Germany 3-2 in Munich, outplayed the Indians in the last two sets, winning 12 out of 15 games.

The steady Swedes were only broken once each. That was early in the second set and gave the veteran Indian team a 3-1 lead.

Nystrom, who has only played two matches in the past month and lost them both, was broken at love in the fourth game. Except for that, he did not show any signs of rustiness.

Serve
Anand Amritraj did. At 35 the oldest player on the Indian team, he dropped his serve five times in the two-hour match.

Vijay Amritraj, who has been playing doubles for 18 years with his big brother, lost his serve twice.

It was the second time in three years that Sweden prevailed on indoor clay in the Scandinavian arena. The Swedes turned back the United States 4-1 in 1984.

W. Indies in sight of innings victory

VISAKHAPATNAM, India, Dec 19. (Reuters): The West Indies were scenting victory today, second day of a three-day match against an Indian Cricket Board President's XI, as the home side struggled to avert an innings defeat.

The Board were 97 for four at the close, still 204 runs short of making the West Indies bat again. They made 93 first time around in reply to 394.

Eldine Baptiste triggered the Board's collapse twice, claiming four wickets in the first innings and two wickets in the second.

He had opener Lalchand Rajput caught for four and Khalid Qayyum leg before for the same score to set up what appears to be a quick finish tomorrow.

Pace bowler Winston Ben-

jamin dismissed the Board's first innings top scorer, captain Anshuman Gaekwad, for 25 while West Indies skipper Viv Richards accounted for Ajay Sharma.

Only Sanjay Manjrekar, who made his debut in the first Test against the West Indies but missed the next because of injury, stands in the way of an innings defeat. He reached 31 not out.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings (over-

night 347 for nine)

R. Richardson c and b G. Sharma 43

P. Simmons b Raman 47

J. Dujon c Rajput b G. Sharma 123

G. Logie c A. Sharma b G. Sharma 54

C. Hooper c and b G. Sharma 11

E. Baptiste c and b Raman 22

V. Richards c Patel b Raman 6

Williams c Gaekwad b Sharma 10

C. Butts lbw b G. Sharma 3

W. Davis c sub b Raman 23

W. Benjamin not out 37

Extras (lb-11 lb-9 nb-5) 25

Total 394

Fall of wickets: 1-80 2-100 3-202 4-

204 5-240 6-249 7-263 8-273 9-347.

Bowling: Singh 6-0-31-0, Patel 7-1-

30-0, Raman 32-1-9-94-4, G. Sharma

39-5-136-6, Gudge 17-2-59-0, Gaek-

wad 2-0-9-0, A. Sharma 2-0-15-0.

INDIAN Cricket Board XI first

innings:

A. Gaekwad b Baptiste 33

L. Rajput c Williams b Benjamin 1

K. Qayyum b Davis 0

S. Manjrekar c Hooper b Benjamin 4

A. Sharma c Hooper b Baptiste 27

S. Viswanath b Baptiste 0

W. Raman b Baptiste 7

G. Sharma c Benjamin b Butts 7

S. Gudge run out 8

Extras 6

Total 111

Fall of wickets: 1-18 2-39 3-43 4-97.

Bowling to date: Baptiste 9-4-26-2,

Benjamin 8-1-34-1, Butts 8-0-25-0,

Richards 8-5-8-1.

Foreman wins again

LAS VEGAS, Dec 19. (Reuters): Former world heavyweight champion George Foreman gave his comeback efforts a boost yesterday when he stopped fellow-American Rocky Sekorski in the third round of their non-title bout.

Foreman, who turns 40 next month, bludgeoned the unheralded Sekorski into submission at 2:48 of the third.

Positively

"I believe I have more power than ever," said Foreman, who, after a 10-year layoff, has won all five of his recent fights by knockout.

Foreman's victory now has him thinking of regaining the title he lost to Muhammad Ali in 1974.



Philadelphia's Cliff Robinson (left) uses his elbow to keep San Antonio's Frank Brickowski away as he goes in for a shot in a NBA game on Thursday.

Thomas takes Pistons to win over Mavericks

NEW YORK, Dec 19. (AP): Steve Alford may have learned a lesson about challenging NBA superstars.

The Dallas Rookie, ribbing fellow Indiana alumnus Isiah Thomas about his long-distance shooting ability, watched helplessly last night as Thomas hit five 3-point shots in the first 15 minutes, lifting the Detroit Pistons to a 117-112 victory over the Mavericks.

Alford told me the other day that I couldn't hit them. Thomas said, "So I kind of wanted to prove him wrong."

Thomas was 5-for-7 from 3-point range and scored 20 of his 24 points in the first half as the Pistons took a 60-47 lead.

Thomas set a team record for 3-point goals in a half and Adrian Dantley finished with 28 points as the Pistons won for the 15th time in 20 games. They have the best record in the NBA.

Dallas' Mark Aguirre also was 5-for-7 on 3-pointers as he led all scorers with 35 points.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Cleveland 103, New Jersey 94; Indiana 121, Utah 97; San Antonio 133, Denver 114; Atlanta 94, Milwaukee 87; and Portland 129, Phoenix 114.

Spurs 133, Nuggets 114. San Antonio, which is 1-9 on the road, won for the eighth consecutive time at home as Walter

Berry scored a career-high 30 points and Frank Brickowski added 23 points and 15 rebounds against Denver.

Alex English had a season-high 37 points for the Nuggets, while Johnny Dawkins came back from an ankle injury to score 20 for the Spurs.

Hawks 94, Bucks 87. Atlanta won its fourth straight game as Dominique Wilkins scored 23 points and reserve John Battle had 12 of his 22 in the fourth quarter at Milwaukee.

Pacers 121, Jazz 87. Indiana routed Utah and broke a three-game losing streak. Chuck Person had 22 points for the pacers and John Long chipped in 20.

Utah was led by Karl Malone with 20 points.

Trail Blazers 129, Suns 114. Portland beat Phoenix for the fourth consecutive time this season as Clyde Drexler scored 30 points and Kiki Vandeweghe, playing just his third game in the last month, added 23.

The Suns, who have lost four straight, were led by Larry Nance with 26 points and 14 rebounds.

Cavaliers 103, Nets 94. Craig Ehlo scored 19 points as Cleveland scored seven consecutive points in the final minute to clinch its victory over New Jersey.

Evergreen rout Hawks

EVERGREEN sent Hawks reeling out of the Pat Keely Trophy, organised by the Hubara Cricketers, with a five-wicket victory at the Ahmadi grounds on Friday.

Hawks, after winning the toss, batted first and had to face some very hostile bowling from Ashraf Rana and G. Haider who reduced them to 29 for four in six overs.

Farooque, first in association with Sarwar and then Waheed, took Hawks past the three figure mark and brought some respectability to their total.

When the time was called by the umpires at the end of 22 overs, Hawks total stood at 116 six with Farooque unbeaten on 49. He hit two sixes and two fours, Shivi (16), Sarwar (12) and Waheed (24) were the only other batsmen who could get into dou-

ble figures. For Evergreen, Ashraf Rana (three for 31), G. Haider (one for 23) and Shaikat (two for 25) were the wicket-takers.

Evergreen, facing a relatively easy target, opened through Anjum and Khalid but both were back in the pavilion after scoring 14 and 11 runs respectively. Although Evergreen lost two more quick wickets, Razzak was there to assert his authority and put the result beyond doubt. When Evergreen overtook Hawks' total in the 19th over, Razzak was still at the wicket on 64 runs which included eight boundaries.

G. Haider contributed 14 while giving some support to Razzak. For Hawks, Sohail was the most successful bowler with three wickets for 22 runs. Nadeem and Waheed also chipped in with one wicket each.

Bowling

Valenzuela outclass Quezon City

VALENZUELA put in an excellent performance in the Filipino Non-pro Bowling League on Friday, at the Club 300 Silver Tower, on their way to a 4-0 victory over Quezon City.

The Valenzuela team was based on Edwin Nepomuceno, Jojo Medrano, P.J. Oblena, Arleen Boncillo, Joel Boncillo, Gina Nepomuceno, Rolly Galich and Ernie Landrito.

Dominated
Manny Inserto, of Manila, grossed 236 pinfalls to set a new record in the Men's High Game beating the old record of 233. Lando Caburo, also of Manila, dominated the Men's High Series with a score of 591.

In the women's section, Tonette Arizabal of Manila took the High Game with a score of 196 while Arleen Boncillo of the Valenzuela team captured the High Series Game with a total score of 519.

In the other matches: Caloocan City trounced Paranaque 4-0; Pasay City edged Las Pinas 3-1; Pasig downed Navotas 4-0, Manila outclassed Makati-GMBH 3-1 and Malabon crushed Mandaluyog 4-0.

The League is being sponsored by the Mabuhay Restaurant.

Individuals standing:
Men's High Game: 1) Manny Inserto - 236, 2) Nonoy Maramba, Mandaluyog - 234.

Women's High Game: 1) Tonette Arizabal - 196, 2) Gloria Estardante, Pasay City - 176.

Men's High Series: 1) Lando Caburo - 591, 2) Nonoy Maramba - 576.

Women's High Series: 1) Arleen Boncillo, Valenzuela - 519, 2) Tonette Arizabal - 491.

Men's High Average: 1) Lando Caburo - 197, 2) Nonoy Maramba - 192.

Women's High Average: 1) Arleen Boncillo - 173, 2) Tonette Arizabal - 163.

200 Club Members: Manny Inserto, Manila - 236, Nonoy Maramba - 234, Lando Caburo - 217, Mel Cervera, Malabon - 205, Roger Sabado, Caloocan City - 203, George Gaerlan, Makati-GMBH - 202, Jesus Ventus, Las Pinas - 200.

Militante sweeps the board



Winners pictured with other officials (from left): Mandy Casonete, Lando Caburo, Victory Paras, Sarah Macarimbang, Baby Militante, Saleh Abughosh and Manny Inserto.

BABY MILITANTE, a Filipina, stole the show in the Pre-Christmas Bowling Tournament by winning all the three games at the Club 300 Silver Tower on Thursday and Friday.

Militante, a newcomer to the game, posted a score of 162 in the Moonlight Game, 167 in the Nine-pin Strike and 55 in the

Low Score Game to clinch all the honours in the Women's Division.

Meanwhile, in the Men's Division, Mars Balisi won the Moonlight Game by rolling 226 pinfalls on Thursday. Veteran Lando Caburo took the Nine-pin Strike Game with 254 pinfalls

while Victory Paras triumphed in the Low Score Game with a score of 60 pinfalls.

Saleh Abughosh, of Hatid-Ligaya Int'l Trading Est., together with Sarah Macarimbang awarded the trophies to the winners.

The tournament was organised by Manny Inserto.

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